Special edition: The 1993 year in review

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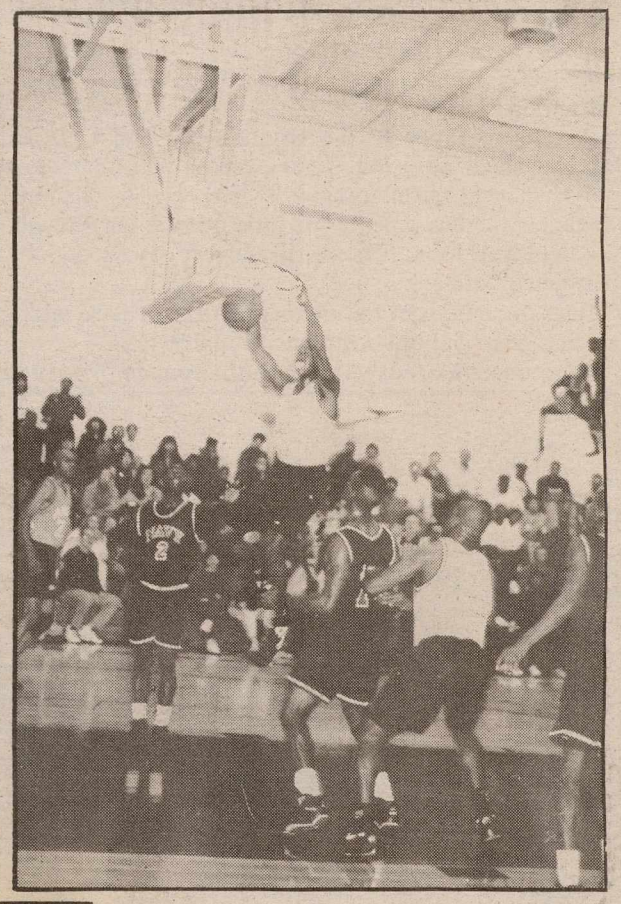


Year in review

Top: Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., Sixth U.S. Army commanding general presented a key to former Coast Guard building to Gorbachev. The building is the new home of the Gorbachev Foundation USA. *Center left:* A wall, which may mark the orginal defensice permitter of the Presidio was found during sliplining operations. *Center right*: The Armed Forces Basketball tournaments were held here. *Bottom left*: Preparing for protests against the U.N.'s peace keeping mission in Somalia, Presidio soldiers participated in riot control training.

Early retirement

Discontinued service addressed

Editor's Note: The following "Town Hall" response was provided by Civilian Personnel Directorate's Retirement Services Division.

As we get nearer to base closure, questions concerning discontinued service retirement start to surface. In this article, responding to a Town Hall issue, we hope to address some of those questions.

A discontinued service retirement is a retirement based on an involuntary separation other than a disciplinary action. The employee must have received a specific written notice of a proposed involuntary separation. The Presidio's base closure reduction-in-force (RIF) is an example of an action that could qualify as an involuntary separation for discontinued service retirement purposes. In this case, an employee would be reached for separation on a retention register and be issued a specific RIF notice.

An employee who is involuntarily separated is eligible for a discontinued service retirement if he/she meets the following conditions:

* Age and service requirements (Civil Service Retirement System [CSRS]/Federal Employees Retirement System [FERS])
* Minimum service requirement (CSRS/FERS)
* Separation from a position subject to retirement coverage (CSRS/FERS)
* "One-Out-of-Two" Requirement (CSRS only)
* No declination of a reasonable offer (CSRS/FERS)

Now let's take a look at these requirements one by one.

Age and minimum service requirement -- An employee must be age 50 and have 20 years creditable service or any age and 25 years creditable service. This requirement applies to both CSRS and FERS.

Minimum service requirement -- An employee must have at least five years creditable civilian service. This requirement applies to both CSRS and FERS. Determination as to whether service is creditable is determined by using the applicable retirement system rules.

Separation from a position subject to retirement coverage -- An employee must be separated from a position subject to CSRS or FERS retirement deductions.

"One-Out-of-Two" requirement -- This requirement applies to CSRS only. An employee must be covered by CSRS for at least one year within the two-year period immediately preceding the involuntary separation. The one year of service does not have to be continuous.

No declination of a reasonable offer -- If an agency makes the employee a reasonable offer of another position in the employee's agency, the employee does not qualify for discontinued service retirement.

Additionally, CSRS employees or FERS employees who have a CSRS component in their creditable service need to be aware that there is a reduction for retirement under the age of 55 (does not apply to retirement based on firefighter service). This reduction amounts to 1/6 of 1 percent per month (or 2 percent per year) for each full month the employee is under age 55.

Also, most employees retiring on a discontinued service retirement, who retire Sep. 24 or earlier, can elect the alternative form of annuity (AFA). The AFA allows retiring employees to elect to withdraw an amount equal to their contributions to the retirement system in a lump sum form. This will result in a reduced monthly annuity. The amount of the reduction will be based on the age of the employee at retirement.

Any questions can be directed to the Retirement Section, Civilian Personnel Directorate, at **561-4481** or **561-3017**.

Job search: begin it now

By Brenda Peixotto
Special to the *Star Presidian*

I am concerned.

As an employee of the Civilian Personnel Office, Outplacement Division, I have talked with many employees, but not so many as we had expected by this time. Vacancy announcements for jobs outside the Presidio are abundant. Jobs are being filled every day: good jobs, permanent jobs.

But not enough of the Presidio workforce are taking advantage of the opportunities available NOW.

I am concerned that we in the Outplacement Office will be unable to provide the present quality of service to the remaining number of employees when they decide to look for employment at some future date.

Finding a job may take six months or more.

Job search is not just a single event. It is a process which involves making decisions, preparing resumes, SF-171's, KSAs, searching job markets, interviewing researching the employer, competing and, very likely, not being selected for lots of positions. Many people are heading for a crisis by waiting.

Employees cannot afford to blame or depend on others for their future. Fellow employees and supervisors alike will not longer have jobs when the Presidio is turned over to the National Park Service.

TODAY is the time to act. TOMORROW might be too late. TODAY, there is an Outplacement Office available to help you, Presidio military and civilian employees, and the service is free.

I have been through the process of losing a job and looking for a new one. It can be painful and stressful. By finding out now how to find another job, you might be able to et one within the timeframe you expect.

If I could give any single piece of advice, I would say, please read the writing on the wall. September is not the time to begin your transition.

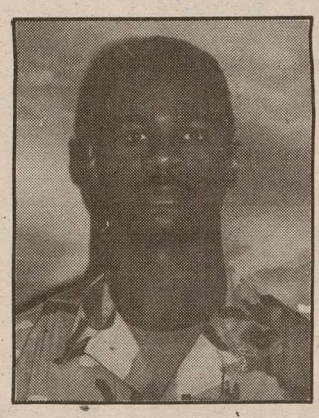
Ask Presidians

"What question would you like to ask the Garrison Commander?"

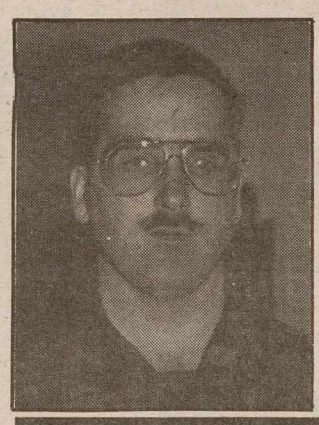
Sgt. Herman Wright, clarinet player, Sixth U.S. Army Band, and daughter Farayi, 13: "My family just arrived New Year's Eve and we need to know what family recreation facilities are still available, especially for teenagers."

Gloria Quinones, food service worker, Frank's Franks: "What can be done to boost the morale of family members as soldiers transition from the Presidio? There aren't a lot of activities for teens at the Youth Center."

Staff Sgt. Jee Kim, administration NCO in charge, Military Personnel Division: "What is the best way for our remaining soldiers to prepare for transition?"



Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Robinson, NCOIC, Ear-Nose-Throat Clinic: "Why isn't the heat working in the Post Theatre?"



Staff Sgt. Charles Fraser, NCOIC, Patient Service Center: "Why are all of the support places closing before the soldiers transition, i.e., the library, daycare, etc. Those of us in college have to go downtown to use the library, the transition from the

Interviews by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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Quarters of Excellence

Residents recognized for excellence

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
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Several Presidio residents began the new year with recognition for the quality of their living areas.

Sixteen families received the first Presidio Quarters of Excellence awards for 1994. The Quarters of Excellence program showcases the quarters and surrounding areas of various family members on post. Recipients of this recognition are deemed to be positive examples of what can be done to beautify a living space, and ultimately, the post at large.

The first recipients for 1994 include:

Chaplain (Capt.) Randall Dolinger, 57 Presidio Boulevard;
Sgt. First Class David R. Byars, 127-B Riley Avenue;
Col. Clyde Tull, 330-B Infantry Terrace;
Lt. Gregg R. Fondacabe, 402-A Washington Boulevard;
Maj. Sam Rupes, 541-A Presidio Boulevard;
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Master Sgt. James Reynolds, 725-B Liggett Avenue;
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Sgt. 1st Class Besham Singh, 1433-C Battery Caulfield Road;
Staff Sgt. Charles G. Fraser, 1537-A Pershing Drive;
Staff Sgt. Vernon Lee Fowler, 1589-A Stilwell Road; and
Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Williams, 1705-A Brooks Street.

These are just a few of the Presidians who make the post a beautiful attraction to the surrounding community. There are others out there just like them.

Ask the Quarters of Excellence awardee in your neighborhood for some tips on adding that special touch to your environment. Your home could be one those showcased in the next Quarters of Excellence evaluation.

Aetna begins CHAMPUS contract

By Anna Rikkelman
CHAMPUS Division Marketing Administrator
Special to the Star Presidian

The current CHAMPUS Reform Initiative (CRI) program, a five-year Department of Defense (DoD) demonstration project, ends Jan. 31. In its place, DoD will be offering the TRICARE health program which will begin Feb. 1. Aetna Government Health Plans has been selected as the prime contractor for the California and Hawaii TRICARE health program.

TRICARE Health Program highlights include:

* Benefits under the TRICARE health program will be substantially the same as those in the current CRI program.

* Under the TRICARE health program, CHAMPUS Prime will be called TRICARE Prime, CHAMPUS Extra will be called TRICARE Extra, and Standard CHAMPUS will be called TRICARE Standard.

* Membership in TRICARE Prime will be automatic for current CRI Prime members.

* Primary Care Providers in the current CRI program will be called "Primary Care Managers" (PCM). Current Primary Care Providers will be invited to participate to the extent possible as PCMs in the new program.

* To promote continuity of care, TRICARE Prime members will be required to use their designated PCM for primary care and specialty referrals, including referrals to specialty services in the Military Treatment Facilities.

* The new TRICARE Prime option will continue to require an initial enrollment of 12 consecutive months.

* Medicare eligibles may use the Health Care Finders (HCF) located in the CHAMPUS Service Center. A Medicare-eligible HCF information card will be made available to Medicare eligibles.

Current CRI Prime members will be mailed more detailed information regarding their membership and the new TRICARE health program this month. All CHAMPUS beneficiaries will soon have access to additional information about the new program through additional **Star Presidian** articles, presentations and other media.

CHAMPUS claim for care in 1993 must now be filed by end of 1994 to be effective

Service families and providers of care will have some extra time -- until the end of 1994 -- to file CHAMPUS claims for care received or provided in 1993, according to Defense Department officials.

The new Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services claim filing rules announced recently say that, effective Jan. 1, 1993, a claim must be filed within one year from the date a service is provided, or (for inpatient care) within one year from a patient's date of discharge from an inpatient facility.

But because of the timing of the regulatory change that imposed the new rules, some program beneficiaries or providers of care might not learn of the change in time, or might have only a few months to send their claims in to their CHAMPUS claims processing contractor.

So, Defense officials have decided that people who received (or provided) care any time in 1993 will have until Dec. 31 to get claims into the hands of the appropriate contractor for processing.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1995, claims will be denied if they are received more than one year from the date on which the service was provided, or more than one year from the date of the patient's discharge for inpatient care. This means that claims for medical care that occurred in 1994 must be submitted within one year of the date of the service or the date of an inpatient's discharge.

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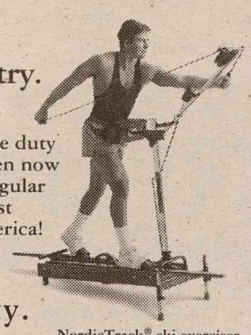

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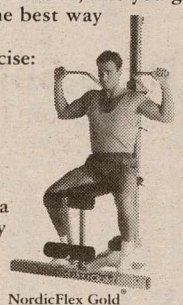

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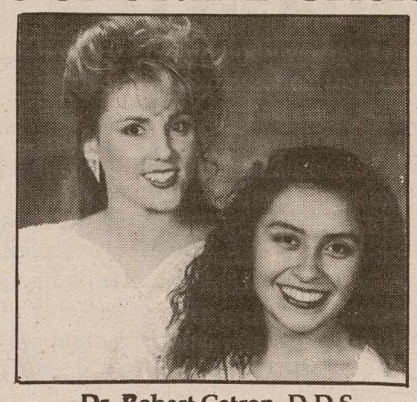

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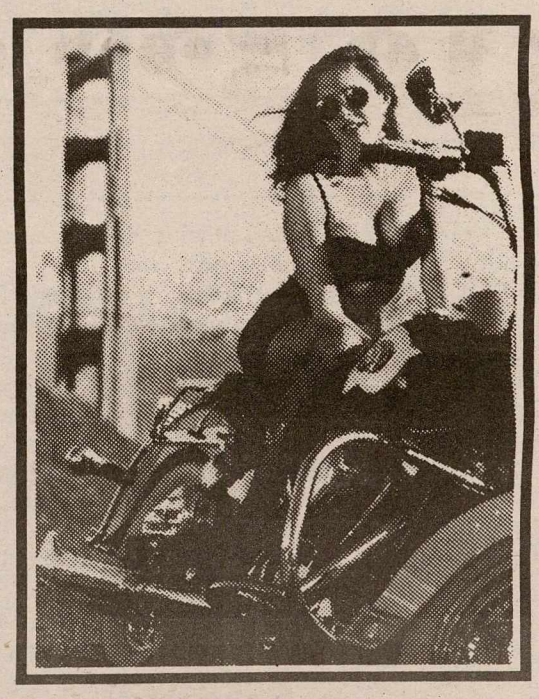

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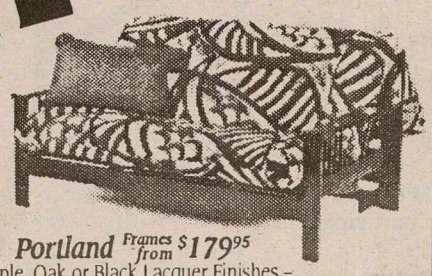

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Army Community Service Classes

Army Community Service is conducts numerous classes to help you deal with stress, relationships, and more. Here are the latest offerings:

Parenting Classes. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24, at Army Community Services, Bldg. 103B.

Stress Management Training. 10 a.m.-12 noon, Jan. 18 & 25, Feb. 1 & 8, at Army Community Services, Bldg. 103B.

Effectiveness Training for Adults and Couples. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 7, at Army Community Services, Bldg 103B.

For information, or to reserve your space, contact Karen Kaho at **561-5155**.

GRE Date Set

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given at 7:30 a.m., Feb. 9, 1994, at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time, but you must order your examination in person by Jan. 5, 1994. For information, contact an education counselor at **561-2974/4445**.

DoD Voting Information Center

The Voting Information Center (VIC) operates as a message relay station between elected officials and the constituents they serve. Citizens may call the VIC to listen to voice messages recorded by their U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, Secretaries of State and Governors and may in turn leave messages for these officials which address issues of concern. In leaving recorded messages, please provide the name and state of the official for whom the message is intended. Give your name, mailing address, telephone number, and your voting address as well, so that the elected official may respond to your call. Succinctly state the reason for your call, or your opinion on the issue in question. You may call as often as you wish. Remember, with VIC, you are never out of touch with your elected officials. Call the VIC at DSN **223-6500** or commercial **(703) 693-6500**.

Letterman's Last Health Fair

Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic's last health fair takes place from 8 a.m. to noon, Jan. 12, in LUSAHC's second floor lobby. This is your last opportunity to check your cholesterol, blood pressure, and glucose levels at LUSAHC. Representatives from Veterans Affairs, CHAMPUS, CHAMPUS Prime, NavCare, Delta Dental, and area Health Maintenance Organizations will be on hand to answer your questions about their services. For information, phone **561-4509**.

Sunday school schedule changes

Protestant Sunday School will begin 1994 at a new time. Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m. starting Sunday. There are classes for children three years of age up through a great adult class. If you are interested, you can register yourself or your children by visiting the Religious Activities Center, Bldg. 682, on Sunday morning or phone **561-3535/4239** for information.

Scheduled Water Outages

Bay Pacific Pipelines has scheduled the following water outages on the main water distribution system. Outages should be no longer than six hours per day, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Areas affected are:

Today: Areas 1809-1815
Jan. 10: Areas 1801-1808, 1818-1823
Jan. 13: Areas 325-345, 375-383
Jan. 14: Areas 428-434, 401-424
Jan. 18: Areas 428-434, 401-424

For information, please contact Bill Service, Directorate of Public Works, at **(415) 561-3211**.

DPW power outages

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) has scheduled several short-term power shutdowns during the month. These temporary outages are necessary for repair and replacement of electric power poles and other switch gear. The work will result in improved safety and reliability of the Presidio electrical system. Power will be turned off at 8 a.m. on certain weekdays and turned back on by 5 p.m. Family quarters occupants need not be concerned about refrigerated food spoilage. DPW has checked with reliable sources who indicate that an 8 to 9 hour shutdown would not cause food to spoil. DPW has notified individual family quarters affected by the shutdown of the specific dates during which power in their housing area will be off. As a reminder, outage dates are:

Jan. 11, 12, 13: Areas 1200, 1300
Jan. 14: Areas 900, 1200, 1300

Residents will be informed of any changes to the schedule due to weather conditions or other unforeseen problems. For information, call Robert Wilkinson at **561-3211**.

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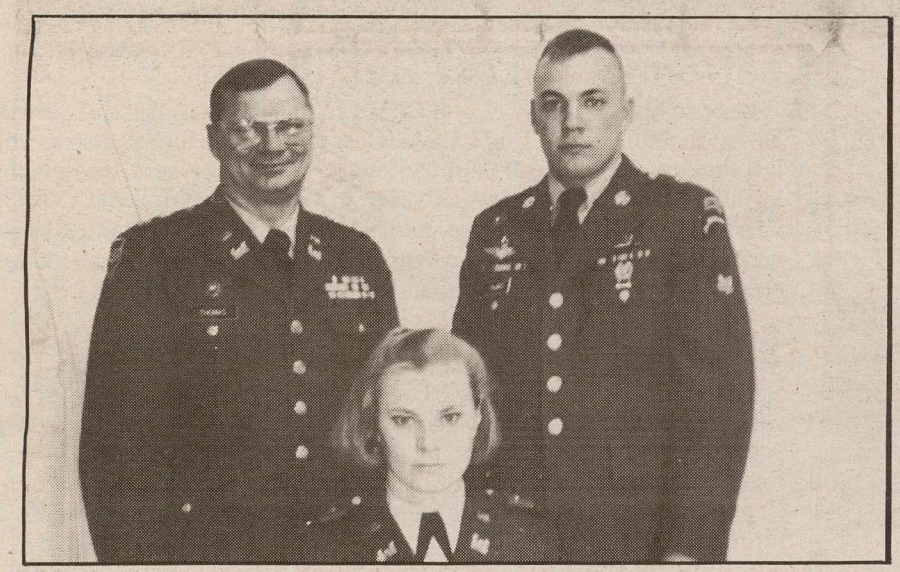
Presidio focus

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey

Gregory D. Davis is congratulated by Garrison Commander Col. Gregory A. Renn as Davis' wife adjusts his new rank. Davis was promoted to lieutenant colonel on the second floor porch of garrison headquarters Dec. 30, just in time to start the new year properly.

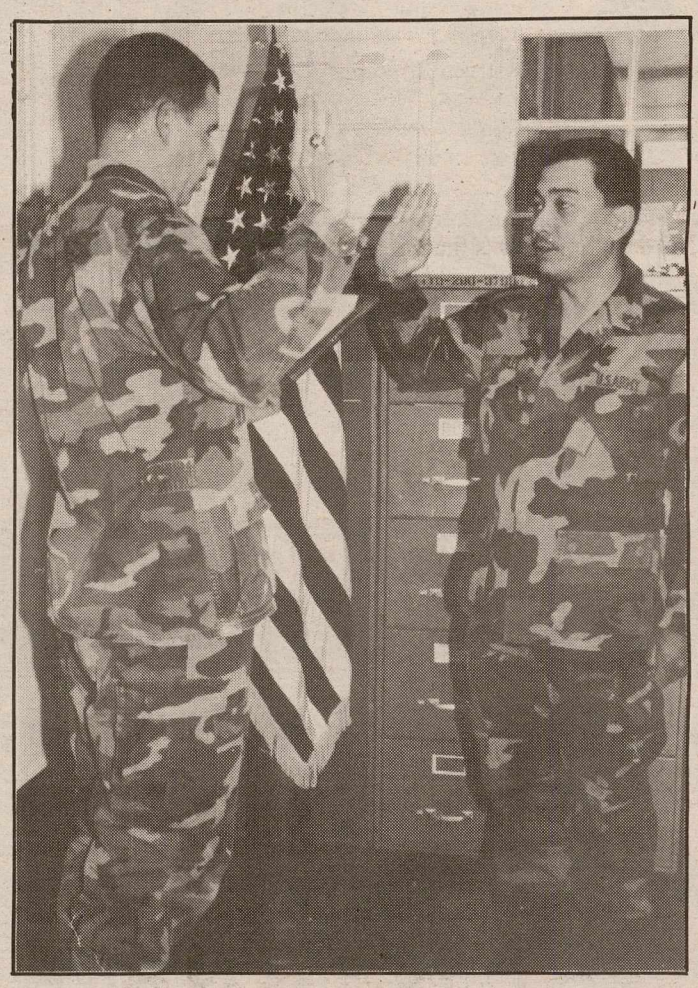


Sharon Everett-Roles

Lt. Col. Thomas, chief, Unit Training, Deputy Chief of Staff/ Training, his son Spc. Thomas and daughter 1st Lt. Thomas are able to get together for a family Christmas, military style.

1st Sgt. Richard L. Griego

Spc. Sharon Contreras receives an Army Achievement Medal for coordinating arrangements for the Association of the U.S. Army trip to Washington, D.C. Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness presented the award to her Dec. 13.



Sgt. 1st Class Robert V. Colet, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Personnel Actions Center, makes his final reenlistment into the U.S. Army. Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness, commander, Headquarters Command Battalion, read the oath of enlistment.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey

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Anthony Lucas has his new specialist rank pinned on by Cpl. Charles Green. Lucas was promoted Jan. 3, in the Military Personnel Division.

Sharon Everett-Roles

Lt. Col. Russ Dallas receives his Combined Federal Campaign Eagle Award from Lt. Gen. Glenn C. Mallory Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. Other recipients included Col Clyde M. Tull, Maj. Vicki Y. Bowman and Donal E. Meynig.

The Year in Review

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1993 gone, not forgotten

In 1993 the Presidio's closure became more evident. No longer could, people dismiss it's scheduled closure assuming it only rumor.

Several units inactivated, including Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, the Transition Point, and Letterman U.S. Army Institute of Research.

Offices moved, support was transferred to other installations and units downsized.

The Headquarters Command Battalion moved from Fort Scott. The Law Enforcement Company was the first to relocate to main post in June. Headquarters Co., USAG followed along with the battalion headquarters. At the year's end, the MI detachment was the only unit remaining at Fort Scott.

The Logistics Control Activity command transferred. The Finance Office was one of the first support services to close. Support was transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash.

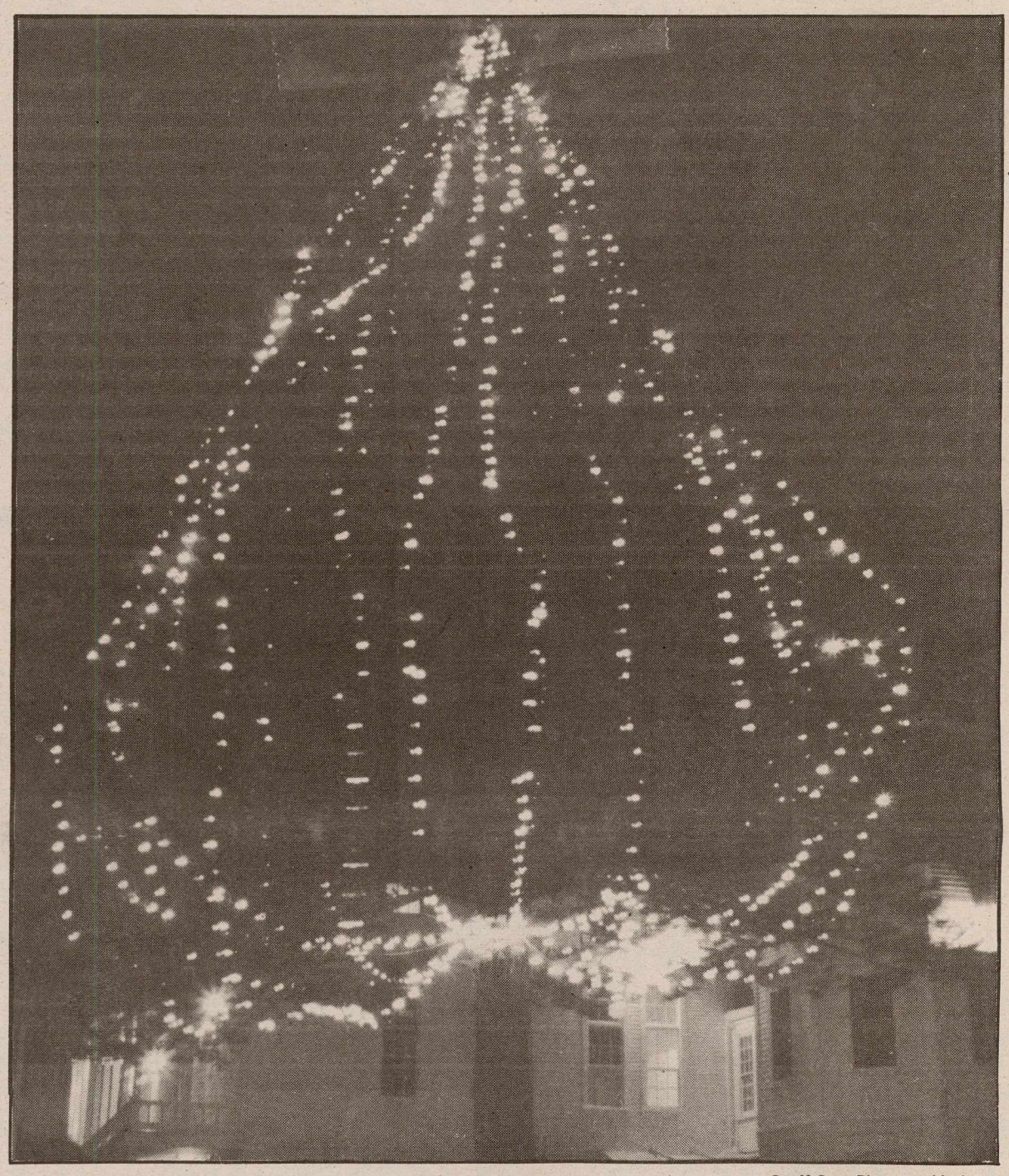
The Letterman U.S. Army Hospital downsized either more becoming the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic. They stopped impatient care, and the Acute Care Clinic operating hours changed to close at 7 p.m. during duty days and 4 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Along with the downsizing came reduction in force. Several jobs were terminated. With the RIFs, however, came new programs to relocate personnel and job fairs.

1993 was a year of changes for the Presidio. With those changes we suffered a great loss.

The Presidio family lost Sgt. 1st Class Victor Bradley, who died in a traffic accident. he was the equal opportunity representative for the Presidio. More than 300 Presidians mourned his death at a memorial service at the Main Post Chapel. A plaque was dedicated in his memory at the Chapel.

Bradley will not be forgotten. Neither will 1993.



Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey

Oh Christmas Tree ...

The Presidio Christmas Tree glows brightly with the lights of holiday cheer. The tree was lit Dec. 13 and remained lit through the beginning of the new year.

General hands key to Gorbachev Presidio welcomes new tenant

By Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Star Presidian Staff

In an event unimaginable just a few years ago, Sixth Army Commander Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., gave the key to a building on the Presidio to former Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev Friday. A formal ceremony, complete with the Sixth U.S. Army Band, marked the beginning of the Gorbachev Foundation USA's tenancy in what had been the quarters of the Coast Guard station chief, just a few yards from the San Francisco Bay and the impressive Golden Gate Bridge.

In attendance were such dignitaries as former California Senator Alan Cranston, San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan, and Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Superintendent Brian O'Neill. The miracle of technology also brought via satellite hookup from New York rock star Billy Joel and his wife fashion model Christie Brinkley, who were seen and heard as if they were actually at the site of the gathering.

"It is an honor to present this key to you which symbolically demonstrates today's meaningful transfer of buildings from the United States Army and the Department of Interior to your peace foundation," Mallory said as he handed the key to Gorbachev.

"This is the symbol of the irreversible transition from the era of confrontation and militaristic insanity to a new political reality that promises impressive peace dividends to all of us," Gorbachev replied through his interpreter.

Gorbachev then turned over the key to Cranston, who is chairman of the board of directors of the foundation's American office, and charged him to "get to work." The Gorbachev Foundation, with its world headquarters in Moscow, aims to promote world peace and strengthen democracy and social change in the former Soviet Union.

Jim Garrison, executive director of the Gorbachev Foundation USA, made a special tribute to Gorbachev's wife, Raisa, for her support of the foundation's efforts. She was visibly moved as she was asked, without forewarning, to address the group of more than 300 invited guests, which included both military and civilians.

Joel and Brinkley's part in foundation activities will be to sponsor a televised fund raising concert on June 25 for the purpose of immunizing children in the United States and the former Soviet Republics against infectious diseases.

Prior to the formal ceremony, the official party toured the 113-year-old, two-story residence which will serve as the offices of the foundation. It will be rented at fair market value on an interim lease until the Presidio is officially turned over to GGNRA in 1994, at which time a longer-term lease may be considered.

Although plans for use of the Presidio after the Army leaves are not finalized, GGNRA allowed the interim lease to be negotiated to preclude losing the Gorbachev Foundation USA to another area. Having such an organization on the Presidio may help attract other prestigious organizations.

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Medal of Honor recipient retires

Maj. Gen. Patrick Henry Brady assumed the position of Deputy Commanding General for Active Components, Sixth U.S. Army in June 1990.

Brady has more than 30 years of active commissioned service. Born in South Dakota, he received his commission through ROTC, following graduation from Seattle University, Wash., in 1959. There Brady was included in the Who's Who in Colleges and Universities.

He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He also holds an MBA from the University of Notre Dame, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma.

He has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his current assignment as Deputy Commanding General for Active Components, Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco. Other key assignments include Chief of Public Affairs, Office, Secretary of the Army; Chief of Staff, First U.S. Army, two tours of duty with the Reserve Components; Secretary to the Commander in Chief of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (Korea) and Inspector General, I Corps and Fort Lewis.

On Jan. 7, 1968, then Maj. Brady earned the Medal of Honor for a series of missions which began before sunrise and ended after dark. Repeatedly he was warned by competent advisors that the missions were impossible due to weather, the enemy situation or mines. On three different missions and six tasks Brady extracted patients from areas where other aircraft failed. On two different occasions his aircraft was severely damaged by a mine. Brady's aircraft was so severely damaged that three ships were required to complete the missions and at days end the aircraft he flew had more than four hundred holes in it. Two crew members were injured. During this time Brady evacuated 51 injured patients. Undoubtedly many of those men would have died without expeditious medical evacuation. In two tours of Vietnam, Brady evacuated more than 5,000 wounded persons.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Brady is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star Medal with five device and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, 53 Air Medals, one with five device. He is a master Aviator and wears the Air Assault Badge.

He and his wife, Nancy Lee, have five children: Shaun, Casey, Kelly, Shannon and Meghan.

After 30 years of service, Brady will retire today in a ceremony held at 3:45 p.m. on the Main Parade field.

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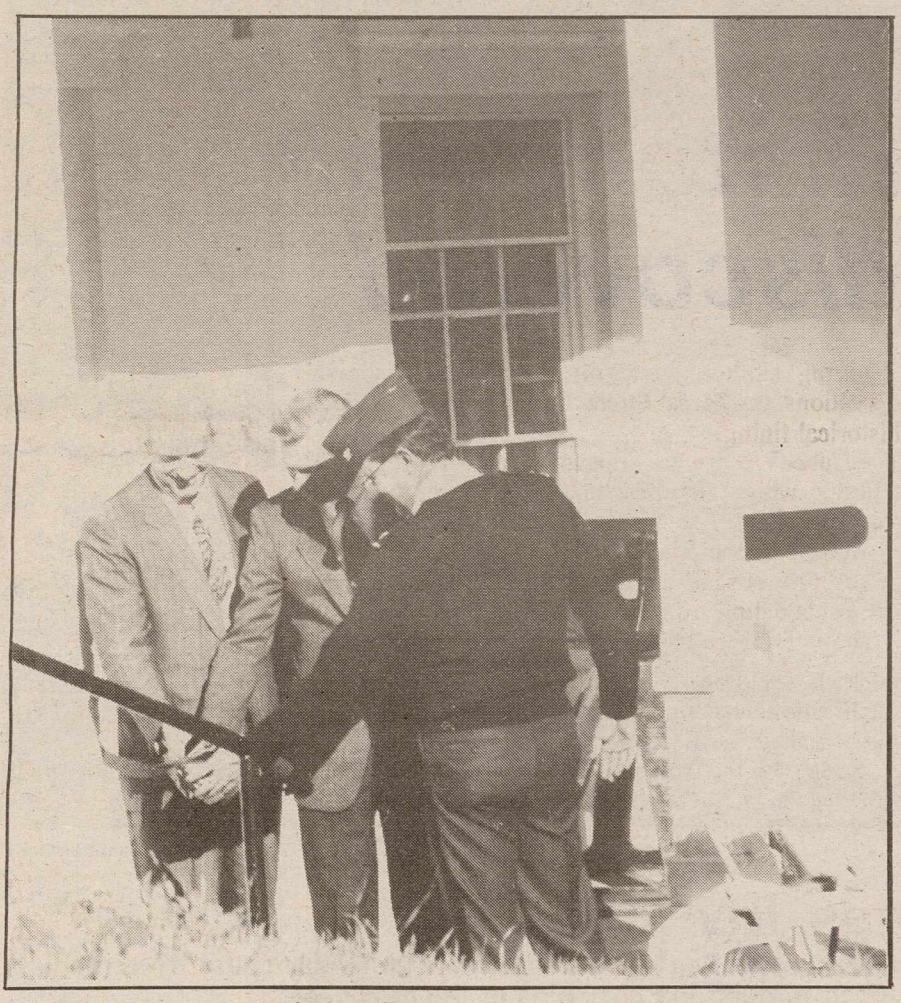

The Golden Gate Park Service reopens the Army museum.

Army transfers Museum

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Department of the Army is transferring more than 4,700 historical artifacts from the Presidio Army Museum to the National Park Service's Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco.

This action will transfer a major portion of the museum's collection to the National Park Service and preserve the military history of the installation when it becomes a National Park. Included in the transfer are all items actually used at the Presidio when the item was in common use in the rest of the Army.

The Army Center for Military History, responsible for the care and custody of all Army historical property, recommended this generous transfer of artifacts after reviewing the National Park Service's request for support and their historic interpretation plans for the Presidio, the oldest continuously occupied military installation in the United States.

Operation of the museum will transfer to the GGNRA this month. This change of federal stewardship is part of a series of base realignment actions placing the Presidio under the management of the National Park Service by Oct. 1, 1994.

The museum has been operated with both Army and National Park Service personnel working side by side since April 4. This collocation of workers is to ensure a smooth transition to the new managers.

The museum is temporarily closed for general housecleaning, inventory and artifact preservation and shipment. When it is reopened, on a date to be announced by the GGNRA, the museum will be under the full management of the National Park Service.

In addition to agreeing to the transfer of artifacts, the Army's Center for Military History has agreed to assist the National Park Service in telling the story of the Army at the Presidio with advice, reproductions, loans, etc. First among these helpful services is the Center's recent arrangement to provide reproductions of any textual materials that it is retaining that the National park Service would want.

A variety of items are to be transferred, including uniforms, equipment, and weapons spanning the time from the Spanish occupation to the present.

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MP assists in illegal alien capture

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

At midnight a boat crept up to the dock at Fort Point. It had reached its destination after a long journey. About 180 survivors of the trip were cramped together inside the small boat.

They were thirsty, hungry and some were even close to death. Most were cramping so bad from dehydration they didn't realize they had landed.

They scurried out of the boat awaiting further transportation.

They came here to seek freedom, employment and the American dream. However, these Chinese immigrants came here illegally.

Sgt. James A. Scott, an MP here, ensured their illegal acts did not go unnoticed.

About one hour after the boat docked, Scott spotted a suspicious vehicle on Lincoln Blvd. going toward the 25th Ave. Gate. The driver was not wearing a seat belt and the license plate light was out in the rear of the truck.

Scott pulled him over. He saw eight people in the back and the stench was almost enough to knock him over.

"There were eight passengers in the back and only one in the front. I thought that was strange," he said. "They were drinking rusting water out of jars and had cans of fish that were open and taped closed. The whole truck stank."

Scott became very suspicious and began asking the driver questions.

"I knew something wasn't right," Scott continued. "They were soaking wet. When I asked the driver questions, he didn't have answers. He didn't know any of the passengers' names, where he picked them up or where they were going.."

Because of his instincts as an MP, Scott continued questioning and attained the people in the vehicle.

"I didn't know about the boat of illegal aliens landing, so I wasn't sure what was going on, but I knew something was up," Scott said.

"I flagged down a Park Police officer that was driving by," he added. "He knew about the boat, and we put two and two together. That's when we realized these passengers were illegal aliens."

None of the passengers could speak English, and they were cramping severely.

"It was very difficult to communicate. It became frustrating trying to find out information," Scott added. "We had to communicate by using gestures alone."

Scott and the Park Police officer attained the suspects. Then Scott released them to the custody of the Park Police.

Col. Gregory A. Renn, garrison commander, presented Scott with a Commander's certificate July 9 at the Provost Marshal's Office award ceremony for his involvement in capturing the illegal aliens.

"What was so amazing was Scott had no idea about the boat load of illegal aliens," said Staff Sgt. Michael G. Garrett, NCOIC, Traffic Accident section. "He just acted on instinct, and he did the right thing."

As Scott's supervisor Garrett says he is proud of the soldier's actions that early morning on May 24.

"I'm very proud of him. I don't think all the illegal aliens would have been found if it wasn't for him stopping that vehicle," Garrett continued. "The ones in the truck would have never been caught because they were heading right off post."

This was not the first Commander's certificate Scott has received for his outstanding performance as an MP.

"He's one of the best MPs I've known, if not the best," Garrett said. "He is very proactive. He's a good MP, a good NCO, just an all around good person."

"I'm proud. I think I helped find all the illegal aliens," Scott concluded.

"The way I see it is if you don't come here the right way then you're going back."

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Downsizing

Garrison closure date set

By Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of San Francisco is scheduled to close as an Army installation Sept. 30, 1994, a transition date that is shared by some other activities currently operating on post.

The garrison's property will be turned over to the National Park Service, but a couple of activities will remain, some will move and the future of some have yet to be determined. The transition date given for any activity is the date it is scheduled to move or inactivate.

Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army is scheduled to remain here. The Special Security Detachment and the Sixth U.S. Army Band are considered to be functions of the headquarters, and as such they will remain here as well, said Alice Kelly, chief, Presidio Army Transition Office.

Although some of the post's tenant units have a destination determined, the status of some others is still being studied.

Locations have not been determined for Company D, Military Intelligence Battalion which is scheduled to transition March 31, 1994, or for the Command Logistics Review Team, scheduled to transfer June 30, 1994.

Also, the U.S. Geological Survey office, Fort Point Historical Association, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Post Office, and Corps of Engineers have migration dates of Sept. 30, 1994. However, each unit is negotiating a leaseback agreement with the National Park Service to remain in its present location.

Kelly said the decision to keep or inactivate the Presidio Commissary and the Post Exchange will be based on economics. Both have tentative migration dates set in mid 1994. Those units currently scheduled to inactivate include:

* The 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 91st Division, Sept. 30;
* Letterman Army Institute of Research, Oct. 15;
* the Pentagon Federal Credit Union branch, Dec. 31; and
* Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, July 31, 1994.

Tenant units scheduled to relocate include:

* 3rd ROTC Brigade to Fort Ord, Calif., Sept. 1;
* Logistic Support Agency to Redstone Arsenal, Ala., Sept. 19;
* 7th Psychological Operations Group to Moffett Field, Calif., Nov. 30; and
* 124th U.S. Army Reserve Command, 416th Engineer Command and 87th Explosive Ordnance Detachment to Moffett Field, March 31, 1994.

The Presidio branch of the American Red Cross may inactivate if it doesn't receive a lease from the Park Service.

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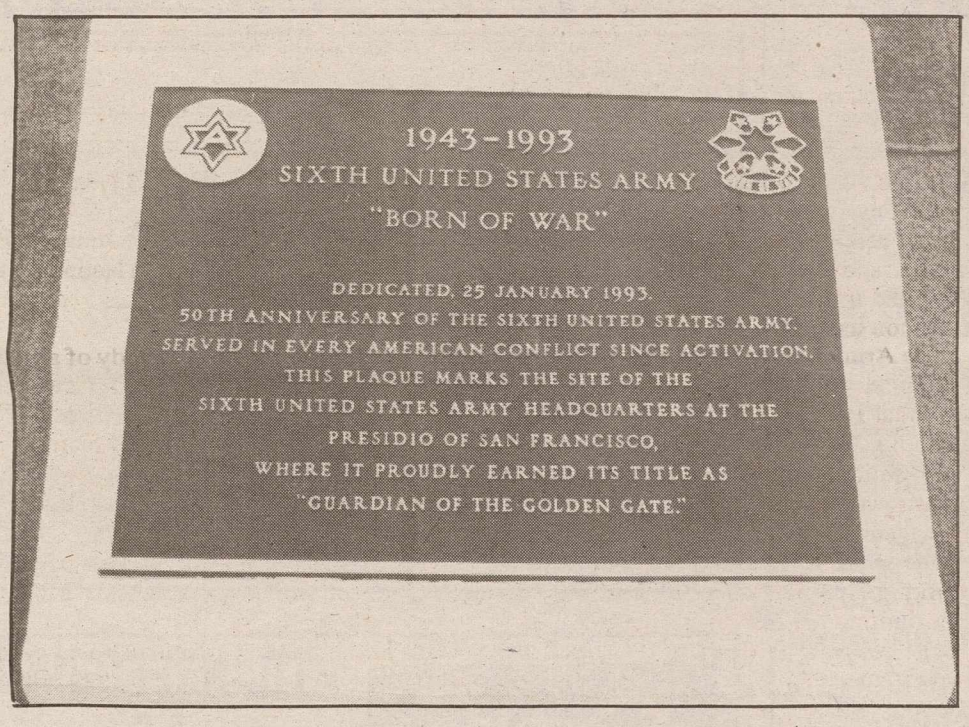
Engineers inactivate

Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, inactivated July 15, after 22 years of serving the Presidio. The engineers were first assigned to the Presidio in 1971.

Co. C soldiers left there mark on the Presidio, its sub installations and throughout the world.

One of the company's most significant accomplishments was during the Gulf War, where they performed emergency restoration on hospitals, restored power in the U.S. Embassy and built their camp and a tank range.

They repaired several buildings, built sidewalks, cleaned sewage drains and accomplished many other tasks which improved the quality of life here.



Historic wall discovered

During sliplining and oil storage tank removal operations on Mesa Street here, workers made a historical fining.

They uncovered what appears to be a portion of a building which may date back to the origins of the Presidio.

A consulting architect said , "This discovery could be of the earliest anglo-saxon occupation on the peninsula dating from 1770 to 1840."

The exterior wall which was discovered is 39 inches thick. It could be a portion of the Presidio's defensive wall. This means that the fortification's location was substantially east of where it had been originally believed to be located.

Along with the wall several ceramic pieces were discovered. The pieces included Chinese china, shards of Mexican wheelware and brownware, cooking service oils and olive containers.

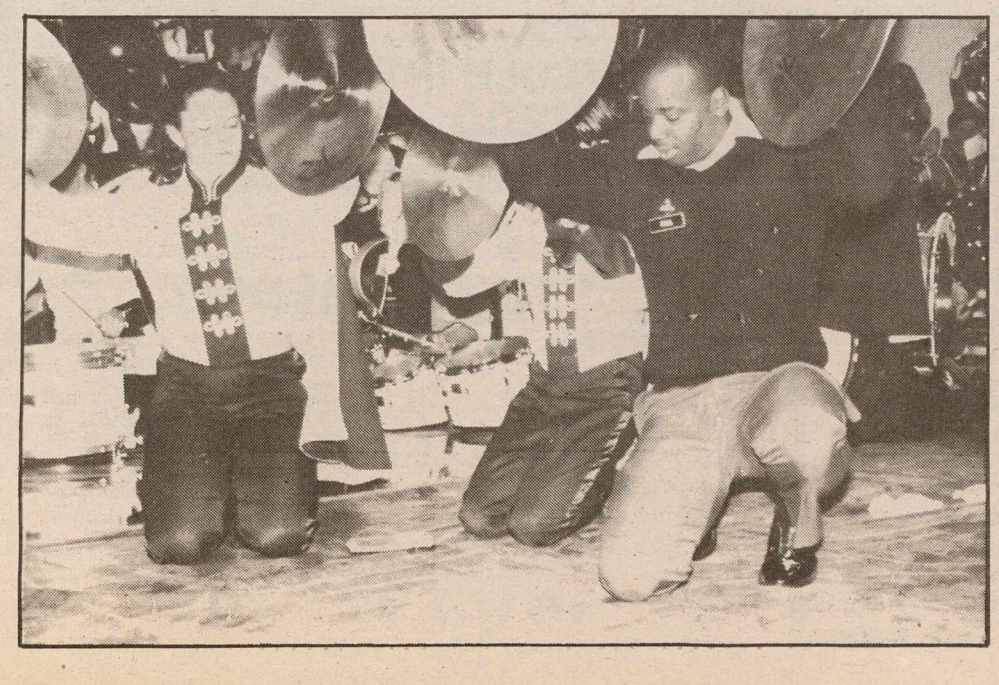
Sixth U.S. Army Band to remain at Presidio

The Sixth U.S. Army Band was scheduled to inactivate before the Presidio's closure. It's destination was unknown for sometime, however, the band will remain here to support Sixth Army.

Throughout 1993, the band members performed several concerts and other functions.

They continually supported the Presidio and Sixth Army by performing in parades, ceremonies and other functions and events.

The band represented the Army well with their performances at the Christmas concert and other community activities.



...And the band played on

Sixth U.S. Army Band members lead a mass band concert at Henley high school in Oregon. The band went to Klamath Falls, Ore. They also performed in a parade in Fort Jones, Calif., population 500.

Headquarters Command Battalion relocated to main post as part of the Presidio downsizing.

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Commemorative Glasses

A second order of Presidio of San Francisco wine glasses will be placed Jan. 18. The 8-oz. glasses have the Presidio coat of arms, 1776-1993, and Presidio of San Francisco embossed in satin frosting. Cost is $2.00 per glass. Orders and advance payment must be placed by Jan. 14 through Maj. Irvin or 1st Lt. Watson. For information, call **561-3348/2386**.

Interviewing skills, strategies

The Job Assistance Center will conduct a workshop on interviewing skills and strategies, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Jan. 18, in the Training Room, Bldg. 37. Videotaped interviews will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Jan. 19, in the same location. To be eligible for a mock interview, you must have attended a class on interviewing and have written a resume. To reserve a place in either or both classes, please call **561-2554**.

Transitioning soldiers, civilians and adult family members are encouraged to make an appointment with a counselor to discuss the job transition process. A counselor will be available to assist you in writing a professional resume and cover letter and prepare you for interviews. To make an appointment or learn more about the Job Assistance Center, call **561-2430**.

Water standard notification

The Presidio of San Francisco has initiated public notification of the post's status under the California Surface Water Filtration and Disinfection Treatment Regulations. The regulations require that certain filtration standards be met for water supplies. This notification to all water consumers is being published to conform with the State of California Department of Health Services regulations. Recent changes now require additional treatment of surface water, or public notification that changes haven't been completed.

The Presidio drinking water remains safe, of excellent quality, and satisfactory in all respects. The water is routinely tested in accordance with all existing regulations. The Department of Health Services requires the Presidio to make the following informational statement to its customers:

The State of California Department of Health Services sets drinking water standards and has determined the presence of microbiological contaminants are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. If water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in that water may cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The DHS has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes or destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet DHS requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.

Please contact the Environmental Office at **561-3024** if there are any questions arising from this statement or other concerns about the Presidio's water. The Presidio will continue to give notice in this paper every three months until the Presidio Water Treatment Plant is in compliance with the SWTR.

The post is following the requirements of the SWTR regulations, Section 64666(b), Chapter 17, Title 22, California Code of Regulations; and Section 64464.3, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR.

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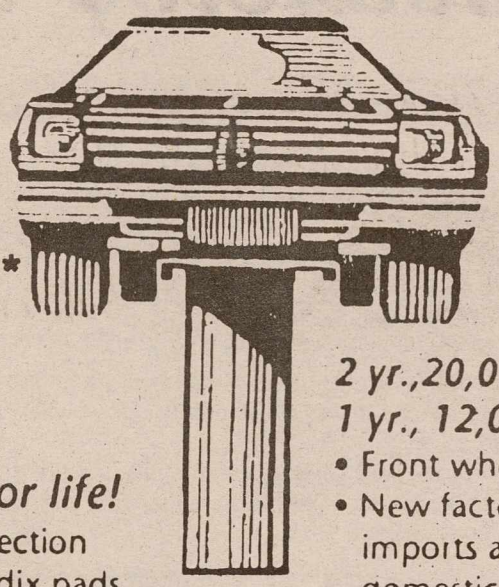

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Corporation donates toys to Presidians

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Many Presidio children found an extra surprise under the Christmas tree this year. They didn't even have to leave cookies and milk for this gift giver.

Pak-Man Movers Inc. gave Santa a hand at Christmas in 1993 by donating toys to the Presidio chapel.

Each year the company donates boxes and boxes of toys.

"Last year we really had a good response about the toys," Chaplain (Maj.) Freddie Hall Jr. said. "The families really appreciate the toys."

Darrell Hamlet, Pak Man, Inc., says its important to recognize military families.

"I'm surprised more corporation don't support the military with all the support they give us," he said. "We always try to help the military community.

"Next year we're going to knock their socks off," he continued. "We are going to have a truck load of toys to donate."

Despite the closure of the Presidio, Hamlet said Pak Man, Inc. will continue to support the military families.

Spc. Adrienne Story

Chaplain (Maj.) Freddie Hall Jr. receives toys from a Pak Man, Inc. representative. The company doanted toys to the Presidio military families for Christmas.

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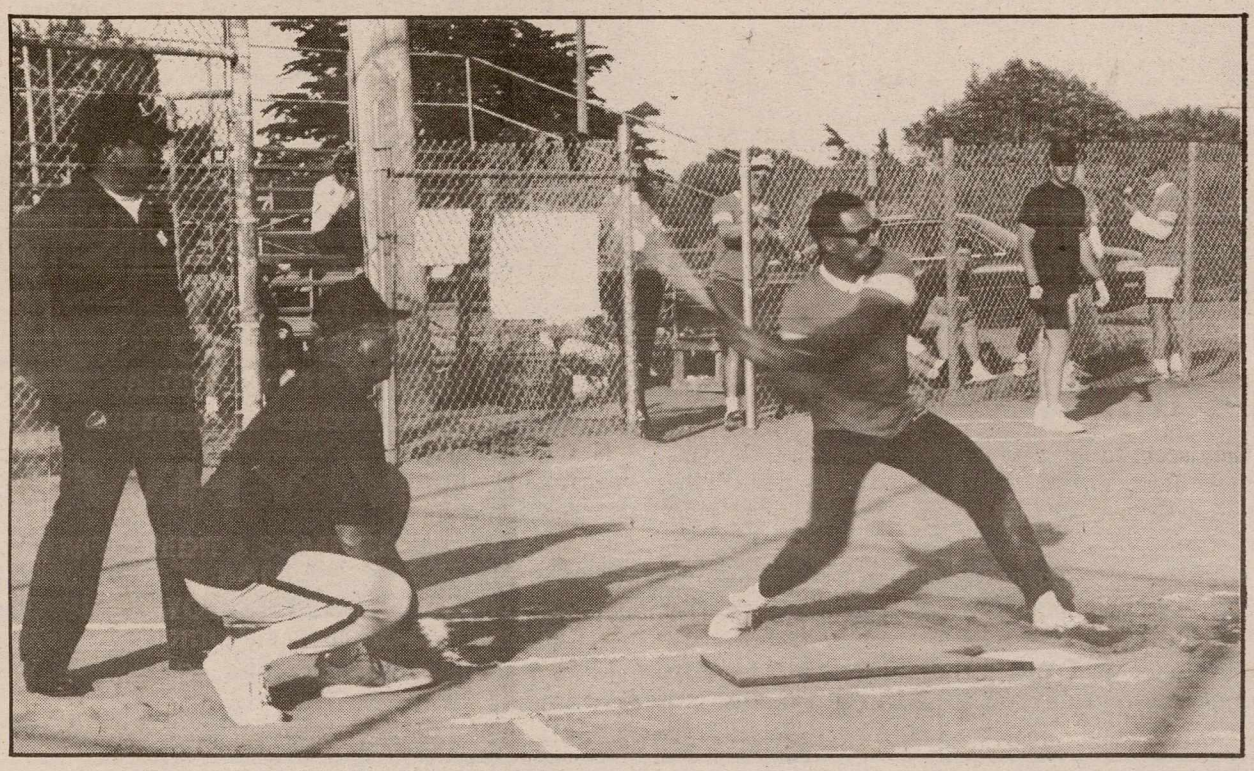

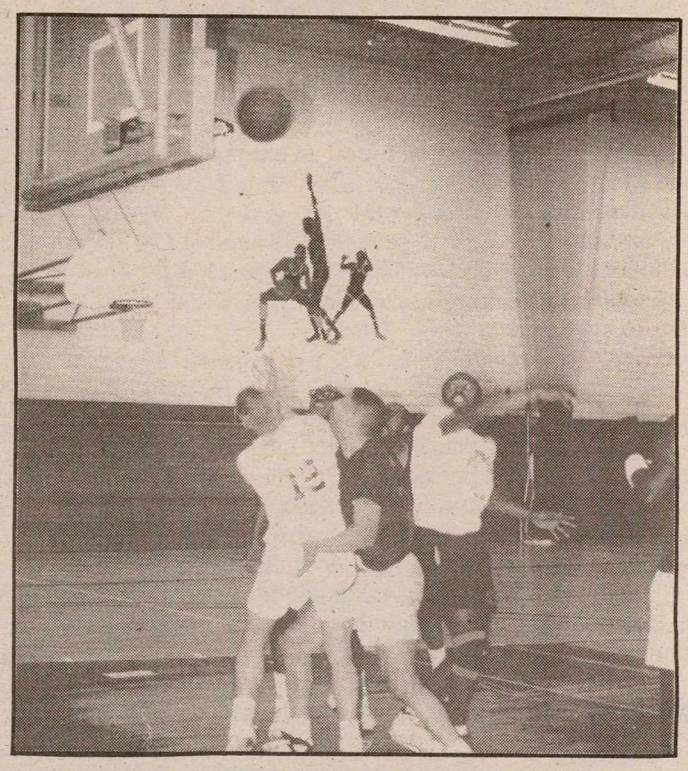

Sport shots

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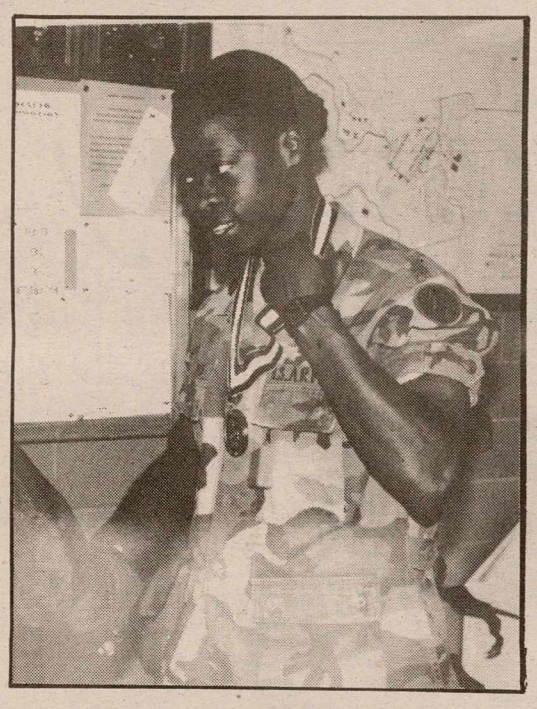
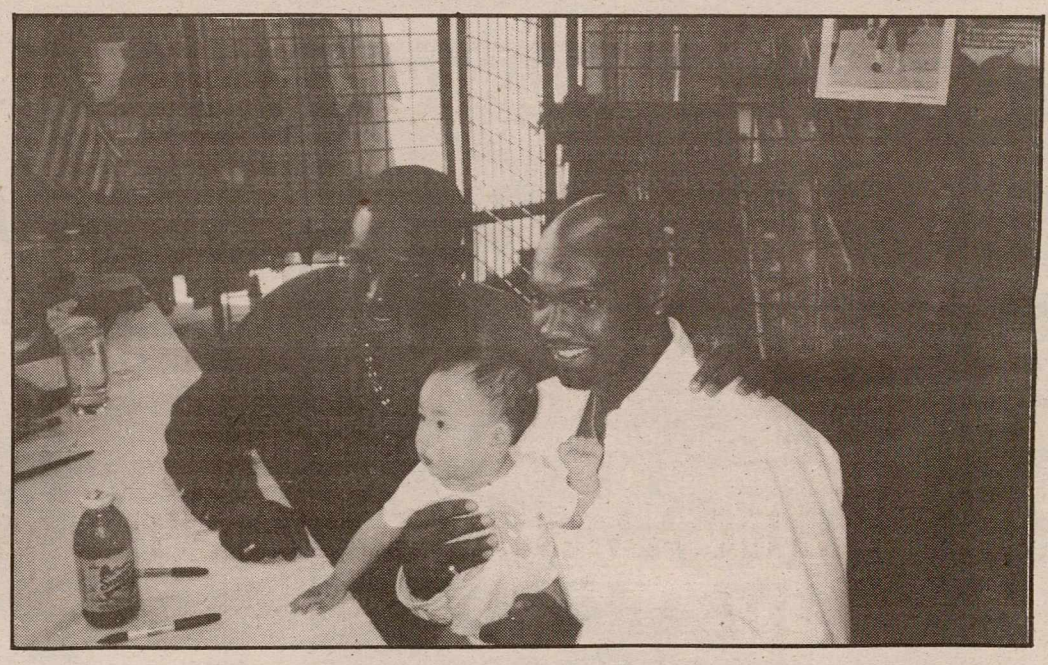
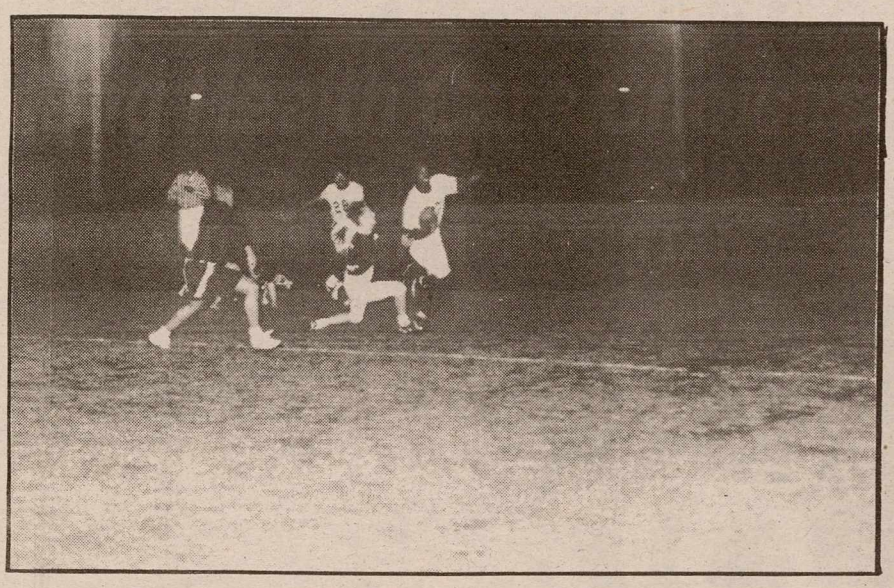
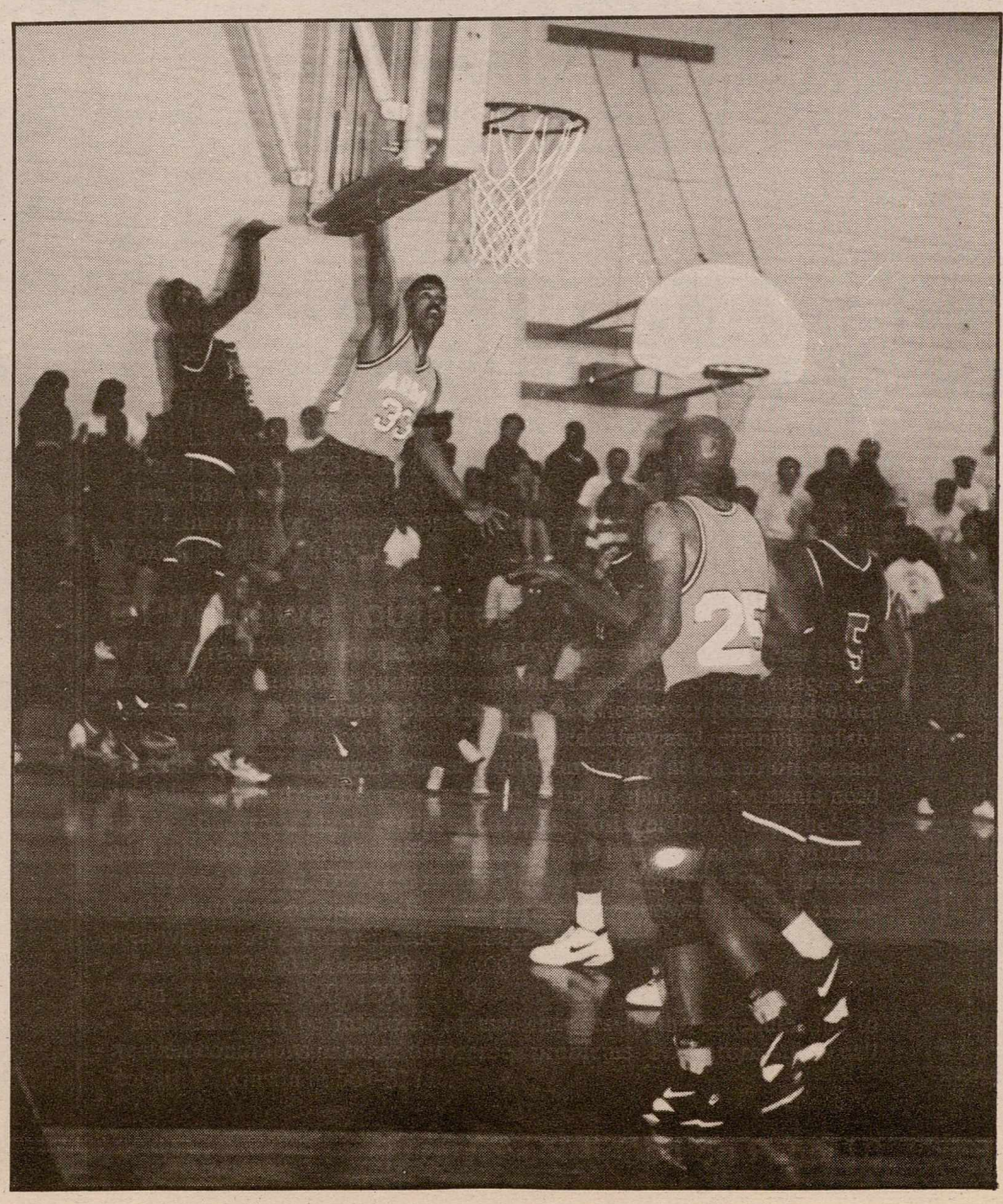
Softball:LUSAHC won the tournament title. Basketball: LEC was crowned tournament champs. Spc. Ruth Morris represented her home, the Virgin Islands, in Track and Field in the Olympics. Two San Francisco 49ers signed autographs at the Main Exchange here. Football: LEC was named league champs and won the championship game. The Armed Forces Basketball tournaments and training was held at the Presidio.









Year's highlights

1993 was the year for the Law Enforcement Company for intramural sports. They took the championship title in football, basketball, volleyball, and took second in softball. LUSAHC won the softball championship game.

Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady Made a hole-in-one on a 137-yard par 3 May 13. Headquarters Commnad Battalion soldiers placed second in 1993 Coporate Sports Challenge helping raise money to fight cystic fibrosis.

The All-Army Basketball team took first place in the Armed Forces tournament. Bob Darling, Presidio Sports Branch, was chosen to coach the Armed Forces Track and Field team. The All-Army Track and Field team trained at the Presidio. Ruth Morris, a member of the team, made it to the semi-final round of the American Olympic team triouts and competed in the Olympics for the Virgin Islands.

Sports notes

Intramural Basketball

All units and activities desiring to compete in the 1994 Intramural Basketball Season should contact Charles Hurd, intramural basketball coordinator, at **561-4131** or **561-4120**. A rules interpretation meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 19 in Gym No. 1, Building 63. All prospective teams must have a representative at this meeting.

Youths need coaches

Volunteer coaches are needed for the Presidio's Youth Sports Basketball season. The youths will be playing in the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Division's Northern Division. Players ages 9 to 11 will be playing on the Presidio Scorpions team and youths 12 and 13 years old will play for the Presidio Bulldogs. The games will be played on Hamilton Court on Geary and Steiner streets in the city.

To volunteer your time or other services, call Allen Posey at **561-3673**, or Bill Boehm at **561-5143**.

LUSAHC wins tourney

Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic slapped a winning 7-1 record to claim the championship crown for the holiday volleyball tournament held from Dec. 20 to 29 in Gym No. 1. The LUSAHC team included Barry Burdette, Micheal Butler, Steve Canterbury, Steve Gradwohl Kamran Khan, Marcelino Mabini, America Planas, Wayne Rogers and James Ropp.

Four teams participated, each playing eight matches. Also competing were teams from Community Recreation Division(4-4), Readiness Group-PSF (4-4) and the Ceremonial Platoon (0-6).

LEC takes baketball

The post's military police cuffed their opponents to win the holiday basketball tournament. The Law Enforcement Company team included Gene Allen, John Evans, Richard Johnson, Moses Logan Wayne Rogers, Ronald Russ, Jeremy Stokes and Tyrone Turner.

Holiday bowling leaders

In men's singles, Ed Pulanco rolled a total score of 702 and Morena Villanueva tossed a 701 score in women's singles. For women's doubles Barbara Bagley and Linda Laws combined for 1,267.

There was a 1,250 point tie in men's doubles between the teams of Michael Upchurch/Eric Seals and Orlando Lozano/Rod Cabugos. In mixed doubles, Barbara Bagley and Ed Pulanco united to roll 1,318.

Nautilus training here

They seem to be everywhere, those high-tech gyms with the fancy machines and lithe forms in tight-fitting clothes who make us want to say, "Yeah, I think I'll get in shape this year ... lose some of these holiday pounds."

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All classes and practical tests are by appointment only, but afterward, you just need your card and a desire to be fit. For more information, call Bob Darling, fitness instructor, at **561-4120** or **561-4131**. Listed below are other facilities available here to help you get fit in '94.

Gym No. 1 is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekends and holidays. Call **561-4120** to reserve the one squash court or one of the two racquetball courts.

The gym also features a full-size basketball court, aerobic dance classes, two saunas and Universal weight machines and free weights in addition to the aforementioned Nautilus.

Gym No. 2, Building 1152 is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It features a sauna, basketball court one racquetball court, a weight room and exercise bicycles. Call **561-6137** to reserve the racquetball court.

Next door is the post swimming pool, Building 1151, open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. weekends. The pool is heated and the staff offers swimming, lifesaving and scuba lessons. Call Alan Posey at **561-3673** for information.

Outdoor facilities include eight tennis courts around post, two lighted softball fields at Fort Scott, and three baseball/football fields. For any information not covered here, call Bobbie Gascon, Presidio sports director, at **561-4120** or **561-5032**.

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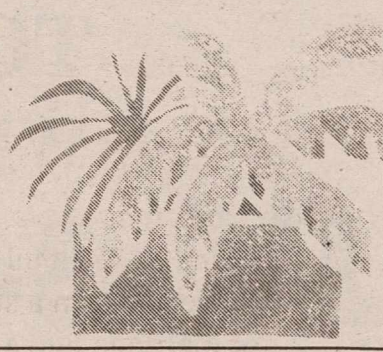

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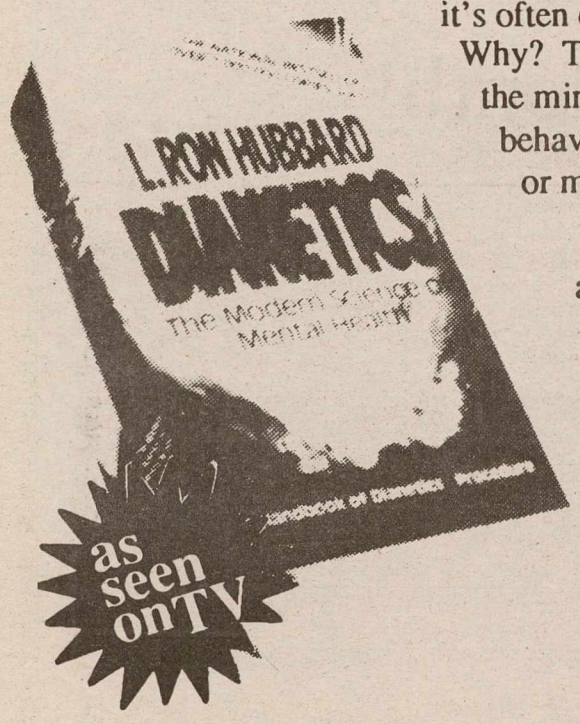

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A ceremonial platoon soldier aims his weapon during the gun salute at a funeral for a former soldier. Soldiers also present the colors to the closest family member and perform the duties of a pallbearer. The platoon will inactivate Jan. 29. At this time the sodliers only perform flag presentations. After the inactivation, this mission will be tasked to sections throughout the post.

Platoon inactivates

Sixth Army to handle missions

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

"Fire!"

After the command is given, the last shot of the gun salute echoes across the cemetery.

The flag is presented to the dead soldier's wife. A flood of tears fall from her eyes as she weeps. She cries not for the loss of her husband, but because of the tribute her husband received. Honors are rendered with such perfection that the Ceremonial Platoon's performance brings tears to the eyes of many. They perform each funeral with the honor that the fallen soldier served his country.

"We make sure the former soldiers receive the respect and honor they deserve," said Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Kennally. "After Ceremonial Platoon inactivates, the fallen soldiers probably won't receive the quality funeral ceremony. They will receive the minimum honors required, where as we have tried to provide them with the best honor."

Ceremonial Platoon will inactivate Jan. 29. The same day Kennally, the platoon sergeant, will leave for Korea.

With the CP's inactivation, several services will no longer be performed.

"We are getting rid of all weapons, and the cannons will go into

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Commentary

King's dream remembered

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, which we remember with Monday's federal holiday, is more than just a day away from the office. It is a time to remember the ideals for which the slain civil rights leader stood. Unfortunately, I think that most people view it as just another day off.

I'm sure you remember King's "I Have A Dream" speech, or maybe you read his writings from Montgomery, Ala.'s, jail -- just one incarceration of many to which King was sentenced for daring to speak out that all men are created equal regardless of the color of their skin.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was about more than dreams. King sought a reality of racial equality. In "A Testament of Hope," King wrote that "it is time we stopped our blithe lip service to the guarantees of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

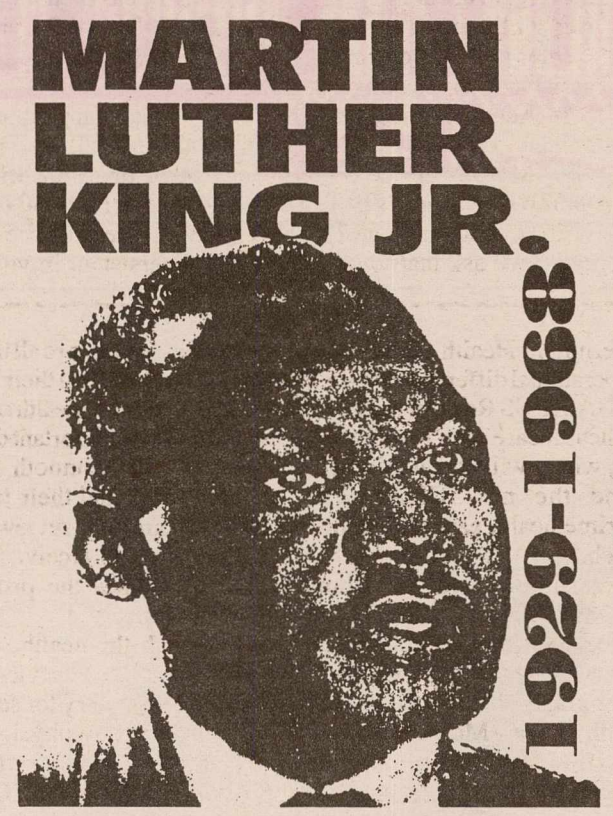
These fine sentiments are embodied in the Declaration of Independence, but that document was a declaration of intent, rather than of reality. There were slaves when it was written; there were still slaves when it was adopted; and to this day, black Americans have not life, liberty nor the privilege of pursuing happiness, and millions of poor white Americans are in economic bondage that is scarcely less oppressive."

King was a man of action, but also an advocate of peaceful protest.

King and other black leaders of the Montgomery Improvement Association organized a strike against the Alabama city's public transit system in 1954 after a black woman was jailed when she refused to give her seat to a white person.

King was fined $500 (plus court costs) for "interfering with private enterprise," but the boycott brought the issue of civil rights to the public's attention.

King saw his dream begin to come to fruition with the Civil Rights Bill of 1964, and became the youngest



recipient ever of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In exchange for his crusade against hatred, King was persecuted, beaten, stabbed, jailed, and murdered on April 4, 1968.

So that's what I think about when Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday rolls around every year. I think about a man who dared to stand up for his beliefs, in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. I think about a man who literally gave his life for a cause in which he believed. And I hope that I have that kind of courage about my own convictions. Happy birthday, dear Martin. Happy birthday to you.

When I grow up

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

How many little boys want to be cowboys or little girls want to be ballerinas?

Childhood ambitions certainly change as children grow. They want to be everything from firefighters to professional football players.

Just because you haven't lived the life you once thought you would doesn't mean you haven't lived a good life. For that matter, it doesn't mean it is too late to start living that life now. Even at the age of 18, most people haven't decided exactly what they "want to be when they grow up."

Statistics show that most people will change their career field at least four times throughout their lives. I don't think most of them ever get to become cowboys. I guess that's a thing of the past.

Several people who attend college, don't even work in the field of their majors. College can also be a transition phase for "finding yourself." Some college students don't pick their major until they absolutely have to, and often times turn to an education major, not because that's what they want, but because they have most the classes necessary to obtain that degree.

Even after retirement people are deciding what they want to be. Often, that is the first time many people get to actually work inthe field they want to. And if work isn't what they had ever wanted to do, then they get to rest and play like they've always wanted.

However, sometimes security and money outweigh career choices. But it's never to late to fulfill your dreams even if they were your childhood ambitions.

If you always wanted to be an artist, you can take classes in your spare time. That goes for acting too.

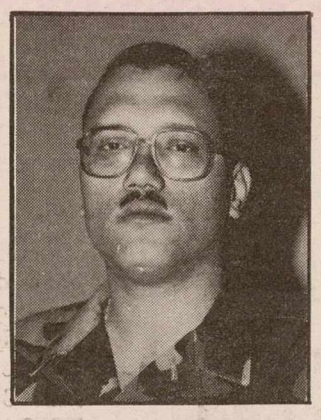
Those firefighter wannabees can volunteer at some fire stations. Even if they just want to find out what it was they were missing.

I doubt that most grown men will become professional sports figures later in life, but that doesn't stop them from getting together with friends and tossing the football and running a few palys. The Army has Intramural Sports leagues that probably need more players.

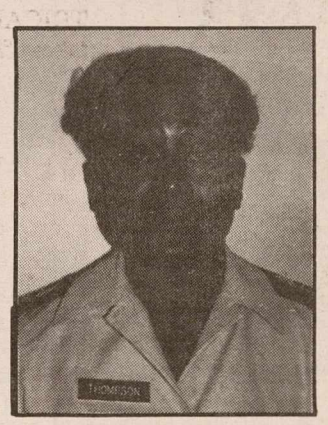
The point is, don't regret the choices you made in your life, and if you feel you've missed out on something, do it. You might find out that you didn't really like it. If you discover that that particular activity is what you really enjoy, remember, it's never too late.

Ask Presidians

"What was your childhood ambition?"

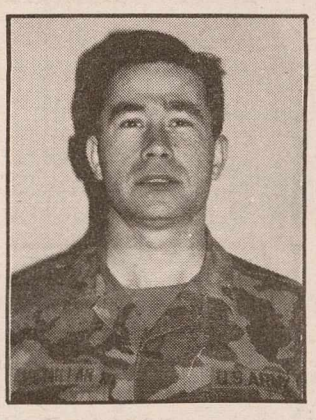


Staff Sgt. Hector Santiago, Euphonium player, Sixth U.S. Army Band: "I wanted to travel all around the world."



Staff Sgt. Dawn Thompson, post Equal Opportunity NCO: "My ambition was to be an airline stewardess, but I changed my mind and decided a B.S. degree in interior design would be better."

Gloria Hartsough, chief, Family Support Division, Army Community Services: "I always wanted to be successful in business and financially secure by age30."



Sgt. Richard McMillan, Trombone player, Sixth U.S. Army Band: "I always wanted to be a musician and to play with the New York Philharmonic."

Pvt. 2 Eric Gregson, Law Enforcement Company: "I wanted to play in the NFL as a wide receiver. I plan to attend the University of Maryland later to continue my football career."

Interviews by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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Aetna goals, deadlines announced

By Lt. Col. Sandra L. Peterson
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Last week Aetna, the new TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS) contractor, sent letters to beneficiaries informing them of the CHAMPUS changes and action that must be taken. In the letter, Aetna indicated that many beneficiaries must select new Primary Care Managers (personal physicians) by Jan. 14 or one would be selected for them. The date has been extended to Jan. 28 to allow more time to select a Primary Care Manager.

A list of Primary Care Managers is not available for individual use at this time. Therefore, affected beneficiaries will need to call Aetna or visit the Patient Service Center to get information about available providers and assistance in selecting a new provider.

If Aetna has indicated that you must change your primary care provider, we suggest that you call Aetna's CHAMPUS service center at **561-0650** or **(800) 451-8552** or Letterman's Patient Service Center at **561-4509** or visit the center in room 215. Due to the expected volume of calls, we ask that you be patient and persistent in your efforts to contact us. If you currently have Letterman as your primary care provider, you will need to select a civilian provider. However, you may continue to use Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic until April 1 for full-time pediatric care and until May 31 for adult beneficiaries.

Aetna will honor any prior authorized Foundation Health obstetrics provider for those beneficiaries who deliver on or about April 15. For those cases with an expected delivery date after April 15, a determination of providers will be made on a case by case basis.

New health care program begins

Aetna Government Health Plans today outlined the operational difference between the current CHAMPUS Reform Initiative (CRI) Prime health care plan for military beneficiaries, which will end at midnight Jan. 31, and the new CHAMPUS TRICARE Prime health care plan which takes effect Feb. 1.

Aetna Government Health Plans (AGHP) has been chosen as the prime contractor for the new CHAMPUS TRICARE health program. Aetna will administer the program in California and has contracted with Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) to administer the program for beneficiaries in Hawaii.

"Our goal is to provide beneficiaries with uninterrupted, accessible, quality health care,' said Robert H. Kaplan, Vice President, AGHP, CHAMPUS Division.

"We want to assure all beneficiaries there will be no change in their benefits, nor will there be any lag in health care coverage. But there are some important differences. So we may provide a smooth transition for all beneficiaries and their families, we urge them to carefully review the information which they will receive in the mail which clearly outlines the program changes," Kaplan said.

Although the health care benefits will remain the same under the new program, it might be necessary for some beneficiaries to choose a new physician, known as a Primary Care Manager (PCM) under the TRICARE Prime plan. Only those whose current physician is not participating in the new program will need to choose a new PCM. Choices include a Military Hospital/Clinic (if available), a NAVCARE Clinic, PRIMUS Clinic or a civilian network physician. According to Aetna, beneficiaries will receive information showing which family members will need to change PCM's and simple instructions on how to make the change.

An important difference in "TRICARE Prime is that members must use their designated PCM. No referral is necessary for emergencies, nor for pharmacy service obtained at the MTF or network pharmacies," said Kaplan.

New TRICARE Prime member cards will be mailed to beneficiaries in January. A toll-free number has been established for all CHAMPUS beneficiaries seeking assistance or more information on the new program. That number is **(800) 451-8552, x3169**.

Aetna Government Health Plans

Tax Corner

Tax center

By Capt. Craig Minnick
Legal Assistance Office

The new year is upon us, the children are back in school, the presents have been exchanged, and the last Christmas cookies have been eaten. In addition, you discover that the postal carrier has delivered the dreaded tax form from the Internal Revenue Service. No need to panic, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has been busy preparing for the opening of the Presidio Tax Center and will be able to assist you with all your tax needs.

Last year the Presidio Tax Center assisted more than 2,100 active duty, family members and retirees with the preparation of their tax returns. Many of these individuals chose to have their federal returns filed electronically. All the services were provided free of charge. Therefore, by using the Center, members of the Presidio community saved themselves approximately $65,000 in commercial preparation and electronic filing fees.

The Presidio Tax Center hopes to do even better this year. The Tax Center will provide federal tax forms and publications in addition to state tax forms and instruction manuals. Attorney supervised income tax advice and assistance will also be available. Most importantly, the Tax Center will assist with the preparation of your federal and state tax returns. The Center will also be equipped to file your federal return electronically.

The Presidio Tax Center is available to all active duty personnel, family members, and retirees. All services will be provided free of charge. The Tax Center will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 26, and is located in the basement of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Bldg. 223. Call **561-2829** for information. You are encouraged to visit or call the Tax Center if you have any questions.

Taxable, nontaxable pay

The Internal Revenue Service offers two publications for military members that outline which pays and allowances are and aren't taxable.

Military and special pays, dependency exemptions, deductions and other areas are handled in IRS Publication 3, *Tax Information for Military Personnel*. IRS Publication 945, *Tax Information for Those Affected by Operation Desert Storm*, discusses tax-free income, filing extensions and other tax aspects for those involved in the military operation.

What's taxable or not can be confusing with the many and varied types of pay military members receive, admitted IRS officials. For example, military retirement pay and lump-sum payments for separation from the service are taxable, but uniform allowances and money paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs are not.

Some generally taxable military pays include:

* Active duty pay;
* Reserve training pay;
* Military retirement pay based on length of service or age;
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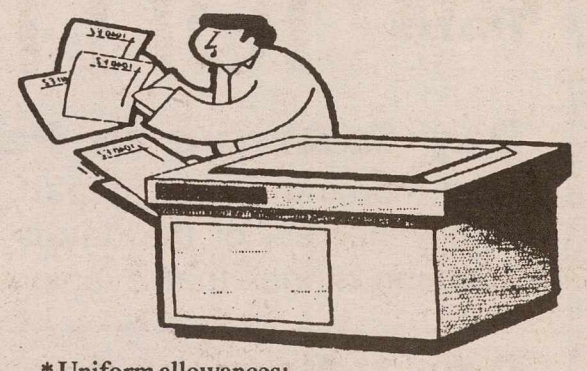

* Uniform allowances;
* Basic quarters allowance;
* Variable housing allowance;
* Family separation pay;
* Basic allowance for subsistence;
* Benefits under Servicemen's Group Life Insurance;
* Department of Veterans Affairs benefits;
* Moving or storage expenses provided in kind or reimbursement for actual expenses for permanent-change-of-station moves.

Check your installation tax assistance office for copies of these two free publications or call IRS toll-free at **1-800-829-3676**, or write to:

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The 1040EZ is the simplest, said IRS officials. To use this one-page form, you must meet all the prerequisites. These are claim only one exemption; be under age 65 and not blind; do not receive advance earned income credit; and have no dependents. In addition, taxable income must not exceed $50,000, with no more than $400 in interest and the balance in wages and taxable scholarships or fellowships. No itemized deductions, credits or adjustments may be claimed if filing 1040EZ form, said IRS officials.

The two-page 1040A is an easier version of the 1040, and a taxpayer must meet all its prerequisites to use it, IRS officials explained. Taxable income must be less than $50,000 and come from wages, salaries and tips, interest, pensions and annuities, Social Security benefits, ordinary dividends, unemployment compensation, scholarships and fellowships, and IRA dividends.

Form 1040A users cannot itemize deductions or claim adjustments to income other than IRA contributions, or credits, except for earned income, child care, disabled-dependent or elderly or disabled. Also, you must satisfy the requirements for reporting dividends and interest.

Use the 1040 long form for any situation not covered by the 1040EZ or 1040A forms, if your taxable income is $50,000 or more or from certain types of income, if you itemize deductions and when you claim certain credits.

Check with the local installation tax assistance office or local IRS office if you have any questions about which form to use. Also, you can get a free copy of IRS Publication 17, *Your Federal Income Tax*, from IRS. For a copy, call toll-free **1-800-829-3676** or write to:

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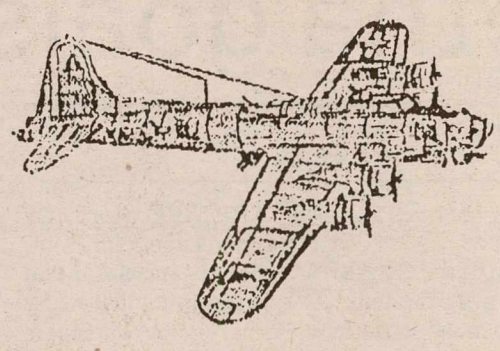

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Leave Luxembourg and visit the memorial to the victims of the Malmedy massacre and the Battle Museum at La Gleize. Continue through Huertgen Forest to Aachen for the night. Includes breakfast and dinner.

Day 7: Aachen to Remagen and Wurzburg
In morning, visit the sights of the Battle of Aachen, then continue to Remagon to the Ludendorff Railway Bridge. Then travel to Wurzburg. Includes breakfast and dinner.

Day 8: Wurzburg to Berlin
Following free time in Wurzburg, travel to Berlin. Includes breakfast.

Day 9: Berlin
Sight-seeing includes the Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Palace, Keiser Wilheim Memorial Church, Kurfurstendamm, Reichstag Building, Checkpoint Charlie Museum, remains of the Berlin Wall, site of Hitler's bunker and the German Resistance Memorial. Enjoy a farewell dinner at hotel. Also includes breakfast.

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Army Community Service Classes

Army Community Service conducts numerous classes to help you deal with stress, relationships, and more. Here are the latest offerings:

Parenting Classes -- 3:30-5:30 p.m., Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24.

Stress Management Training -- 10 a.m.-12 noon, Jan. 18 & 25, Feb. 1 & 8.

Effectiveness Training for Adults and Couples -- 7:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 7, 14 & 21.

All classes will be held at Army Community Service, Bldg. 103B. For information or to reserve your space, contact Karen Kaho at **561-5155**.

Scheduled Water Outages

Bay Pacific Pipelines has scheduled the water outages on the main water distribution system. Outages should be no longer than six hours per day, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Dates and areas affected are listed below:

Today: Areas 428-434, 401-424

Jan. 18: Areas 428-434, 401-424

For information, please contact Bill Service, Directorate of Public Works, at **(415) 561-3211**.

DPW power outages

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) has scheduled several short-term power shutdowns during the month. These temporary outages are necessary for repair and replacement of electric power poles and other switch gear. The work will result in improved safety and reliability of the Presidio electrical system. Power will be turned off at 8 a.m. on certain weekdays and turned back on by 5 p.m. Family quarters occupants need not be concerned about refrigerated food spoilage. DPW has checked with reliable sources who indicate that an 8 to 9 hour shutdown would not cause food to spoil. DPW has notified individual family quarters affected by the shutdown of the specific dates during which power in their housing area will be off. As a reminder, outage dates are:

Today: Areas 900, 1200, 1300

Residents will be informed of any changes to the schedule due to weather conditions or other unforeseen problems. For information, call Robert Wilkinson at **561-3211**.

Commissary closure

The Commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., legal holiday on Monday.

Interviewing skills, strategies

The Job Assistance Center will conduct a workshop on interviewing skills and strategies, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday, in the Training Room, Bldg. 37. Videotaped interviews will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Wednesday, in the same location. To be eligible for a mock interview, you must have attended a class on interviewing and have written a resume. To reserve a place in either or both classes, please call **561-2554**.

Transitioning soldiers, civilians and adult family members are encouraged to make an appointment with a counselor to discuss the job transition process. A counselor will be available to assist you in writing a professional resume and cover letter and prepare you for interviews. To make an appointment or learn more about the Job Assistance Center, call **561-2430**.

Teen Job Search

Youth Activities is sponsoring several classes that are beneficial and helpful to teens. The Teen Job Search Skills Training Program will be every Wednesday until March 2, 5 to 7 p.m. The Youth Effectiveness Training Program will be every Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and every Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All training will take place at the Youth Center, Bldg. 386. The classes are free. For information, call **561-5143**.

Newcomers' Orientation

The bi-monthly Newcomers' Orientation Briefing and Historical Tour of the Presidio is held the third Friday of every other month. This month's briefing will be Jan. 21, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the ACS Conference Room, Bldg, 103B. The next Newcomers' Orientation will be in March. The briefing offers up-to-date information on: Hospital and Dental Clinic Status, Delta Dental and CHAMPUS Prime; transportation, bridge passes and post shuttle bus service; Public Works service, Post Security, and Chapel Services. There will be briefings by JAG, which help you with claiming your moving expenses, and the Safety Office, which provides safety tips on what to do in case of an earthquake. Other installation participants are the Education Center, AAFES, Commissary, Officers' Spouses' Club, Presidio Thrift Shop, Civilian Personnel Directorate, Military Personnel Division, SATO/ITT, and American Red Cross.

DoD civilians and their family members, all branches of services and their family members, living on or assigned to the Presidio within the last 120 days are welcome to attend. Family members are encouraged to attend even if the military member can't make the briefing. Childcare is provided at no cost to those attending the Newcomers' briefing, which enables family

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Ceremonial Platoon

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storage. A minimum of 11 people are needed to man the gun battery," Kennally said. "That means there will be no more cannon salutes performed by the Army during Fourth of July activities. Some people came here just to see that. There won't be a Memorial Day gun salute by the color guard in the San Francisco National cemetery.

"I think the CP inactivation will affect active duty, retired military and the community activities equally," he continued. "There will be no active duty color guard to represent Sixth U.S. Army in the San Francisco parades or opening day ball games, which serves as a recruiting tool. I don't think people will get the same quality show at ceremonies and Army balls as they did when CP was here. Fallen soldiers certainly won't get the same honors. Some funerals will be performed by National Guard units and veterans associations. Although these are professional organizations, they aren't at the same level of profiency."

Ceremonial Platoon performed more than 1,000 missions in the two and a half years Kennally served as the platoon sergeant. That number does not include the color guards at ceremonies and parades and all the other requirements of the platoon. In that time, CP did not drop one mission, which Kennally said is one of his greatest accomplishments here.

The platoon completed two to five funeral missions a day, six days a week. Despite their schedules, they were able to perform at ceremonies held on the Presidio: monthly retirements, anniversaries, plaque and flag dedications, holiday celebrations, balls, memorial services, weddings, and others.

"I think the platoon's inactivation will definitely have a great effect on the Sixth Army. Across the board, the soldiers here have no idea how many missions we perform, and how many weekends, nights and holidays the soldiers have given up," Kennally said. "Sixth Army is going to have to pull soldiers from their own assets to carry out these missions. I don't think they'll be able to do all the missions with the same quality we have done. Ceremonial Platoon soldiers are highly disciplined, highly motivated and extremely arrogant infantrymen, and their performances are the best."

Ceremonial Platoon soldiers prepare for the field. They conducted several field training exercises at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

History

The Sixth U.S. Army Honor Guard, Detachment A, 6002 ASU, was formed here in 1952. The honor guard was established to perform as a mobile force capable of functioning as a controlling or tactical element in case of a disaster, fire or civil disturbance and to fulfill the many ceremonial duties, both military and civilian.

The detachment inactivated. However, the ceremonial platoon was activated as a support element with in the Headquarters Command Battalion in 1983. At that time, CP was made up of soldiers from different MOSs. Even females served with the platoon.

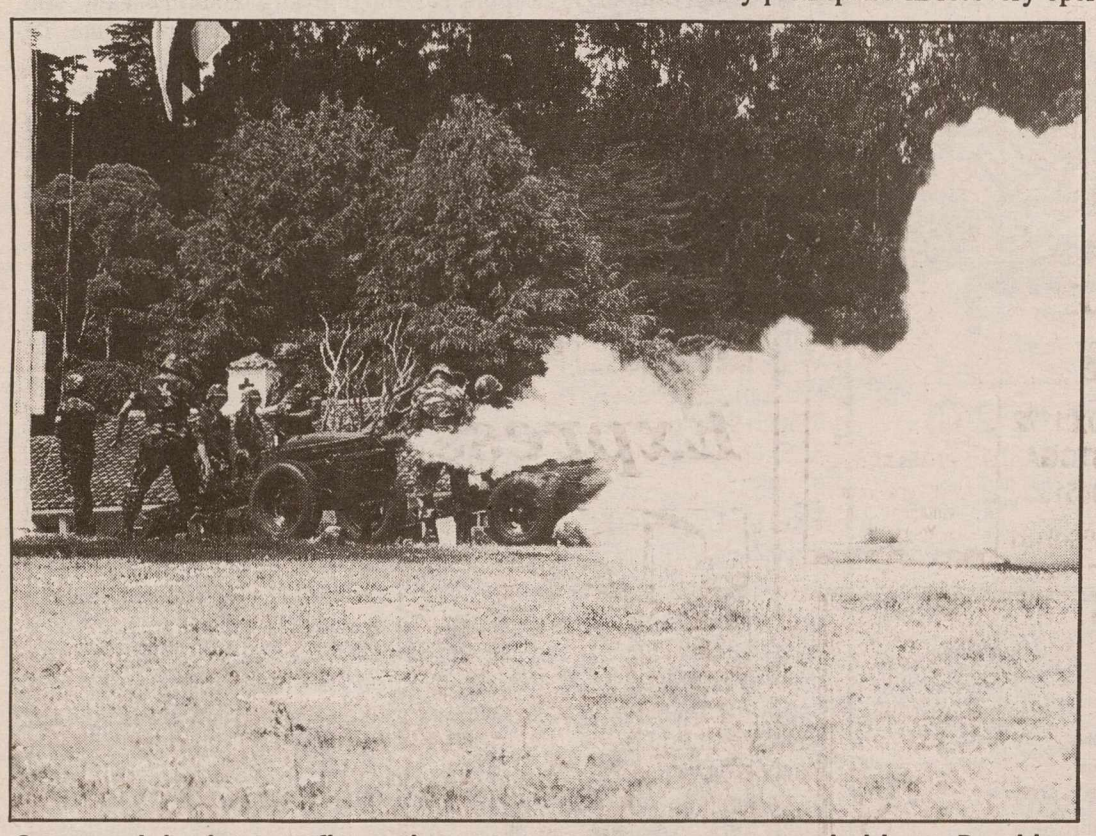
Since 1985, only infantrymen have been assigned to the platoon.

They participated in recovery operations during the 1989 earthquake and became the first military organization to stand guard over remains laying in state at the State Capitol Building.

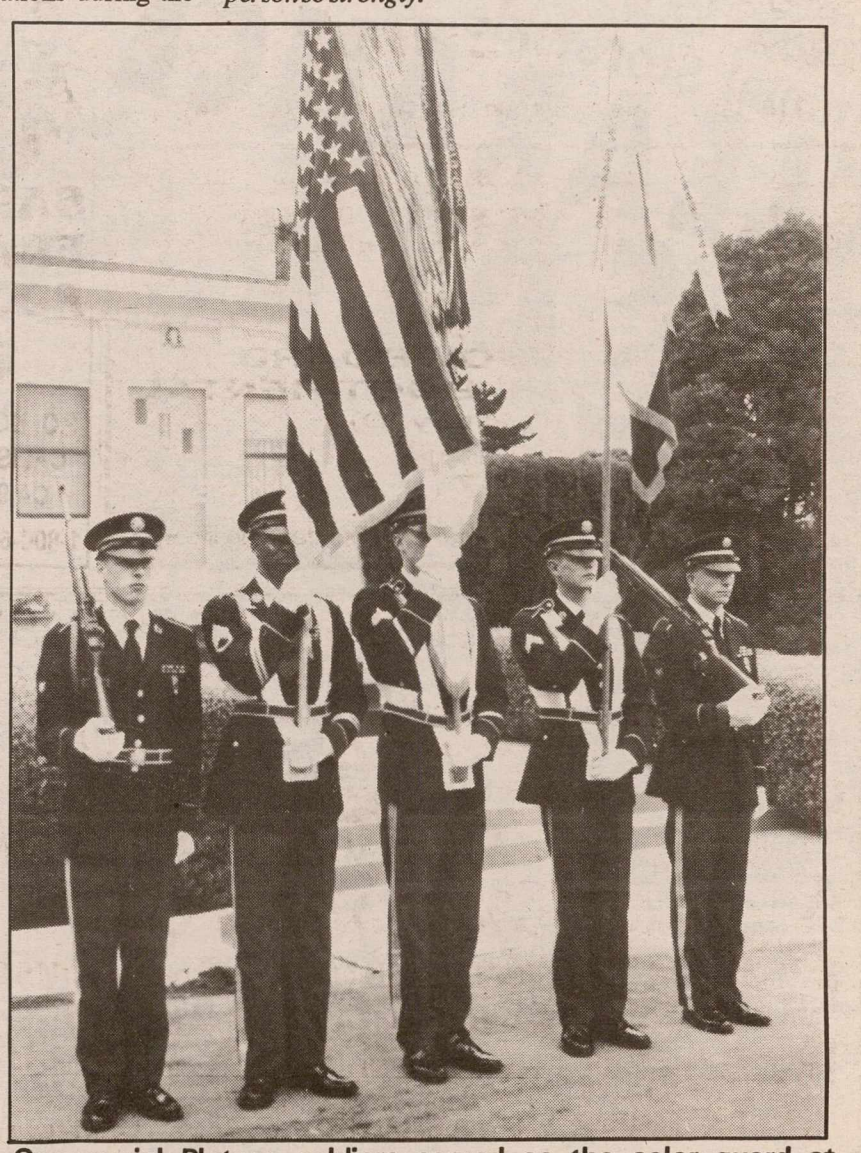
The honor guard has received recognition as the sole custodian of the national U.S. Army and Sixth U.S. Army colors.

After CP's last funeral detail here, each soldier's mission will change. Many will PCS, and others will work within Sixth Army.

The sergeant bends to present the flag to the fallen soldiers wife. He makes eye contact with the crying widow. As she weeps and sadness fills the air, the soldier fights back his own tears then stands proudly. As he salutes the colors, he knows this will be the last time his salute will affect one person so strongly.



Ceremonial platoon fires the cannon at a ceremony held at Pershing Square on the Presidio. With the inactivation of the platoon, the cannons will go into storage. They performed cahnon salutes during the Fourth of July activities, at several retirement ceremonies, including the retirement of Medla of Honor recipient Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady.



Ceremonial Platoon soldiers served as the color guard at the Buffaloe Soldiers Ceremony in the San Francisco National Cemetery here.

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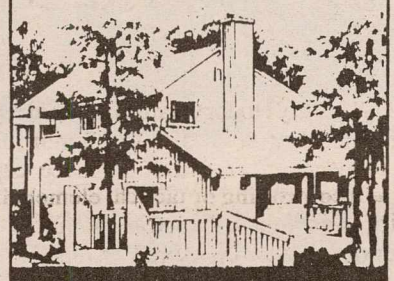

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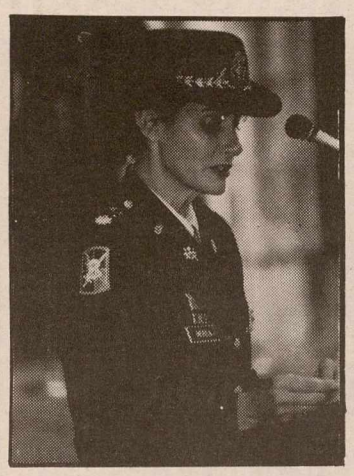
MI unit changes command



By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Waves crashed against the rocks, the wind swirled and the sun crept through the building's opening.

Ghosts of the fort could be felt firing the cannons to defend the bay. Within the historic walls of Fort Point, the war veteran proudly grasped the guidon and took command.

Major Susan G. Merila became the Company D, MI Battalion (Counterintelligence/Security) 902nd MI Group's new commander at a ceremony held at Fort Point.

"As the new commander, I would like to focus our talent a little more precisely," Merila said. "In the mission we provide, I would like my people to become more visible throughout the 12 western states."

According to Merila, the MI unit's mission is to provide security advice and assistance and education to unit's throughout the 12 western states. Company D has the same area of responsibility as Sixth U.S. Army. However, the unit assists many activities in addition to those of Sixth Army.

"Our mission is to protect the force," she said. "We are able to do this by providing security advice and assistance. It is our responsibility to educate other units about the importance of security and how to respond in specific situations."

Merila and the soldiers in her unit visit other units and assist them in increasing their security posture.

On Dec. 14 she took command. Within the week, she will visit her first detachment.

"I want to observe each detachment first hand as quickly as I can," Merila said. Because my units are spread throughout 12 western states it will take some time before I can visit each MID [Military Intelligence Detachment]. I don't want to be away from the main office too long. In six weeks I plan to have visited each unit.

"After the initial visit, either I will go out to the detachments or a representative will come here at least every quarter," she continued. "It's important for the company and the detachments to interact on a regular basis."

Merila says one of her toughest challenges as the new commander will be relocating several detachments within her command. Because of the Army's downsizing, the MIDs will be moving to other units.

"My greatest challenge as the commander will be providing support for the detachments that are moving to other locations and maintaining their response level," she added. "I hope to relocate the detachments without any decline in support they provide to their units."

Company D may relocate with the closure of the Presidio, Merila said. However, the impact will be minimal.

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Maj. Susan G. Merila, commander, Military Intelligence Company D, MI Battalion, 902nd MI Group, flanked by son Matthew and daughter Lia, is welcomed to the Presidio by Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, deputy commander active component, Sixth U.S. Army.

"We will move to another location, but I think it will be less of a hardship for the headquarters to move than the detachments," she said. "The headquarters mission will not change despite its relocation."

Merila has enjoyed her first month at the Presidio and is looking forward to her command position. Her last command position was eight years ago.

"This assignment is a great deal different than my last command assignment. First of all, the unit's mission is completely different, and second of all, it was eight years ago and the Army has changed a great deal since that time," she said. "The issues as a commander are now different. I think the soldier and family support within the Army is a lot better."

The major may make a few changes but has been impressed with her unit's overall performance.

"If I do make any changes, they will be very gradual," Merila said. "I am impressed with the focus of the unit. I like the direction the unit was already going when I arrived.

"I've enjoyed my time here and will continue to provide the Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army with the best support available."

At the ceremony

The former commander, Capt. William R. Gladbach received a Meritorious Service Medal, which was presented by Lt. Col. Richard Demers.

The Sixth U.S. Army Band performed at the ceremony. Chaplain (Maj.) Freddie L. Hall gave the invocation.

The guidon was passed from Gladbach to Merila by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Jansons, Company D first sergeant.

The Presidio Color Guard posted the colors to conclude the ceremony.

Band member named post's best soldier

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

A representative from Mayor Frank Jordan's office, presented a letter to Spc. Mark D. Barker at the Presidio Soldier of the Month ceremony Jan. 11. He was awarded an Army Achievement Medal and received gifts from the Main Exchange and other post organizations.

By Spc. Adrienne Story
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Along with his many responsibilities, the french horn player found the time to study for the soldier of the month boards and win.

Spc. Mark Barker, Sixth U.S. Army band is a french horn player, an assistant supply clerk and field sanitation NCO. To top that of he was named the Presidio Soldier of the Month in December.

"There is a lot of information to be learned when studying for the boards," Barker said. I now have more incite about being a leader and understanding a NCO responsibility."

Staff Sgt. Hector Santiago helped Barker prepare for the boards. He is Barker's supervisor.

The board consists of three categories: a written test, hands-on common task skill and board presentation.

"The hardest part of the board is the board presentation," the band member said. "On the written part you have time to answer the questions. If you don't know one you can skip it then go back to it. During your board, you have be confident and answer questions concisely. Nervousness, may make you forget an answer at the time it is asked."

Barker's initial reason for competing for the boards was to prepare for his promotion board.

"I don't think anyone should go to a promotion board before they have competed for a soldier of the month board," he added. "These boards really help you prepare, and help you learn a lot of information."

Barker is now promotable and should attend PLDC sometime in March. He still has several goals.

"I hope to be the honor graduate when I go to PLDC," he said. "I want to become an NCO and be a good leader. I will then work to get enough points to make staff sergeant. After becoming a sergeant I will compete at the NCO of the quarter boards."

Although Barker plans to rise through the enlisted ranks, his military future is still not determined.

"I may apply for Officer Candidate School or warrant officer," he said. "If I don't become an officer, and I stay in the military, I will work to become a sergeant major.

"I think I have the knowledge to be a good leader and serve at the top of the ranks," Barker continued. "I will continue to build my military knowledge."

Presidio Promotions

Congratulations to the following Presidio soldiers, who were promoted Jan. 1:

Officer promotions

Lt. Col. Gregory Davis
Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities

Maj. Todd V. Deehl
Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, Secretary of the General Staff

Maj. Arthur C. Johnston
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First Sgt. Delores Carter
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Spc. Anthony Lucas
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Pfc. Sherri George
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Military Personnel Division

Pvt. 2 Kris Kerr
Law Enforcement Comapny

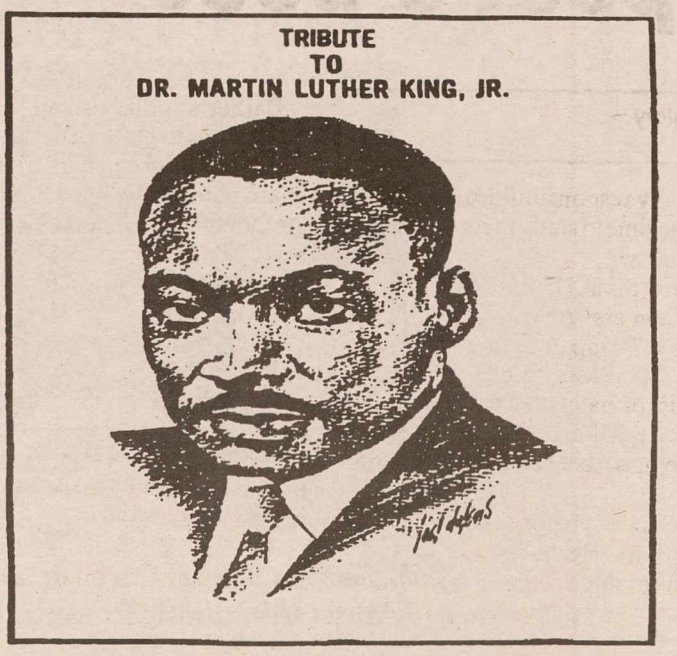
Jumpin' the broom

Spc. Warren Cheaney, and bride Christina Cotton light the candles that signify a commitment to matrimony. The Cheaneys were married Jan. 8 on the Presidio. The groom is a telecommunications center operator for the Directorate of Information Management.

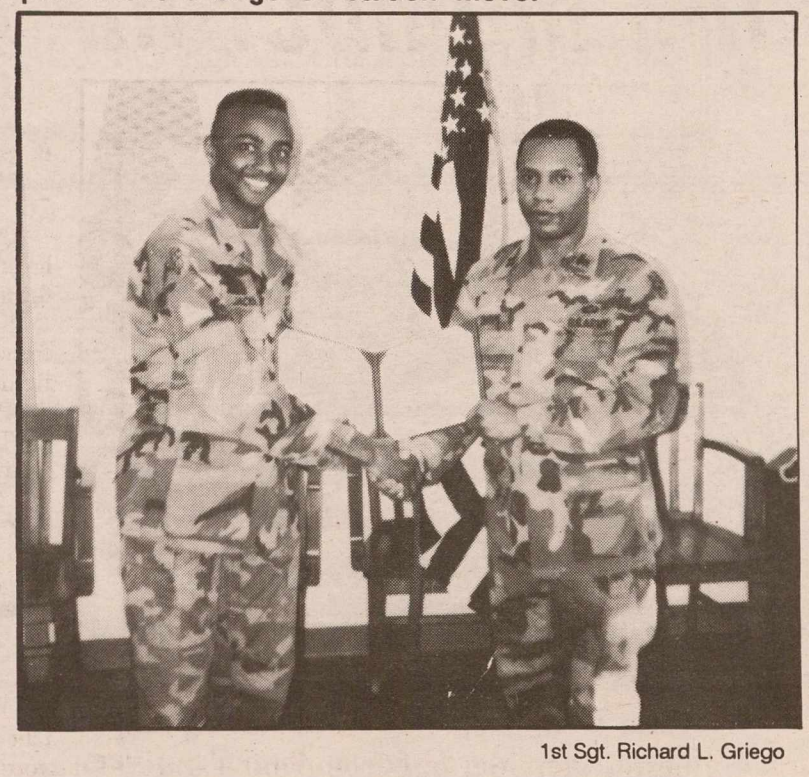
Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Sgt. John W. McGarrah

Col. Gregory A. Renn, Garrison commander, presents a gavel to Joan Ross. She was the 300 Infantry Terrace/Arguello community mayor. Her husband Lt. Col. Robert Ross also served as the area coordinator before his permanent change of station move.



Main Post Chapel, 11 a.m. Today
Dr. Amos Brown, Speaker



1st Sgt. Richard L. Griego

Spc. Eric Jackson is congratulated by Capt. Tracy Sharpe, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, for reenlisting for three more years. Jackson reenlisted Jan.6 for his second term.

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members to attend with or without their sponsor. The Thrift Shop has donated funds for the cost of child care. Reservations must be made for child care by Wednesday, by calling Kristine Cooper at the Child Development Center, **561-6004**.

Keep in mind the briefing starts promptly at 9 a.m., so come early to find a seat. The tour of the Presidio begins at 10:30 a.m., directly after the briefing, information fair and refreshments. For information, call Sharon Thomas at **561-5156**.

Mayors' meeting

There will be a Presidio Mayor's Meeting, 6 p.m., Jan. 24, in the Bldg. 103B Conference Room. Areas without mayors need to be represented by the Area Coordinator. For details, contact Susan Burzo at **561-4147**.

Swimming pool closure

The Presidio Pool, Bldg. 1151, will be closed for routine maintenance and repairs, Jan. 23 through Feb. 5. We apologize for the inconvenience. For information, contact Cindy Agness, Customer Relations Specialist, Directorate of Public Works, at **561-3711**.

101st Airborne Reunion

The 49th Annual Reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association in Nashville, Tenn., July 6-9, will celebrate the 49th anniversary of the founding of the 101st Airborne Division Association by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor in Austria, in 1945.

1994 is the 50th anniversary of the three greatest World War II battles of the Screaming Eagle, 101st Airborne Division. They are: the nighttime airborne assault into Normandy in June 1944; the daylight airborne operation, code named Market Garden, into southern Holland and the defense of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, December 1944. The 101st Airborne Division Association is sponsoring trips to all three battlefields in the anniversary month of each battle: June to Normandy, September to Holland and December to Bastogne.

The 49th Annual Reunion in Nashville will coincide with the "Week of the Eagles" at Fort Campbell, Ky. 101st association members, their families and friends will have the opportunity to attend and see the veterans lead the division parade on July 7. On July 9, they can spend much of the day visiting the 101st Air Division (Air Assault) and seeing a number of demonstrations. Maj. Gen. John Keane, Commanding General of the 101st, has promised an outstanding demonstration of the new, modern air assault division for the Screaming Eagle veterans.

The 101st Airborne Division Association has more than 7,000 members. They are veterans of World War II, Vietnam, and the Gulf War, active duty soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky., along with many who served at Fort Campbell between wars.

All those who have served in the 101st Airborne Division and wore the Screaming Eagle patch with the AIRBORNE tab are eligible for regular membership in the 101st Airborne Division Association. Others are welcomed as associate members.

For more information about the 101st Airborne Division Association, the 49th Annual Reunion, the three 50th Anniversary trips to Europe, or the "Week of the Eagles" at Fort Campbell, write to Ivan Worrell, Executive Secretary, 101st Airborne Division Association, P.O. Box 586, Sweetwater, Tenn. 37874, or phone **615-337-4103**.

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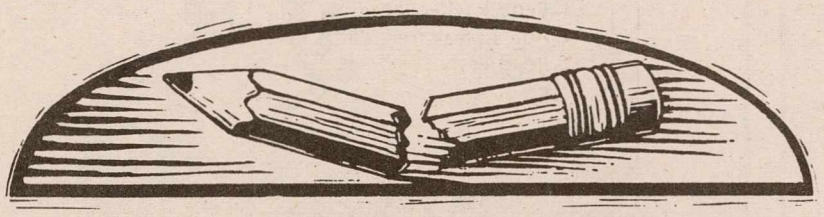

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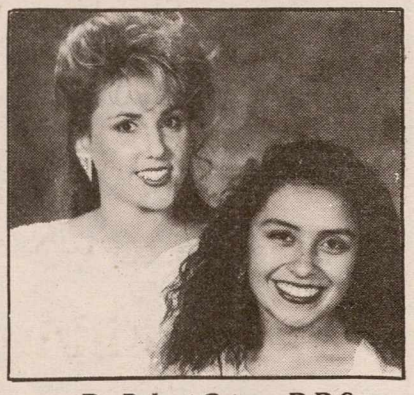

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By Tom Norbie
Sixth U.S. Army aviation safety officer

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None of those killed in FY 94 were wearing safety belts. Dead is dead. In a POV or military vehicle standards and common sense apply.

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The three causes for the above accidents were: fatigue, inattention and impairment from alcohol or other drugs.

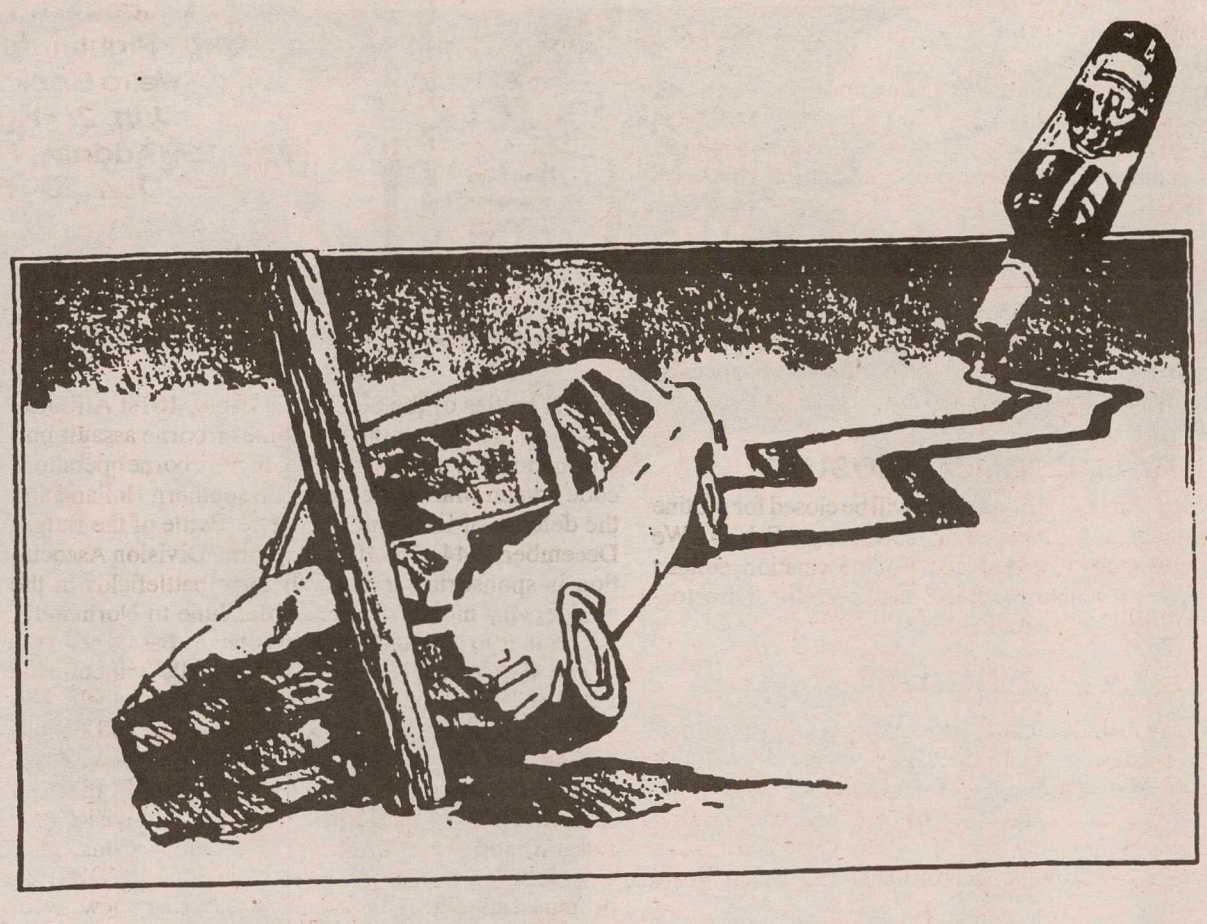
The first two are directly related; fatigue will impact your ability to pay attention and be alert. Only rest will take care of fatigue.

Commanders must enforce their no drinking and driving policies. The slightest amounts of alcohol can reduce your reaction time both mentally and physically.

There are two current videos: The Aftermath and Christmas Morning which are available in your training aids and service centers.

The POV checklist provided may also be helpful for some counselors and first sergeants.

For more safety information, call Tom Norbie at 561-3883.



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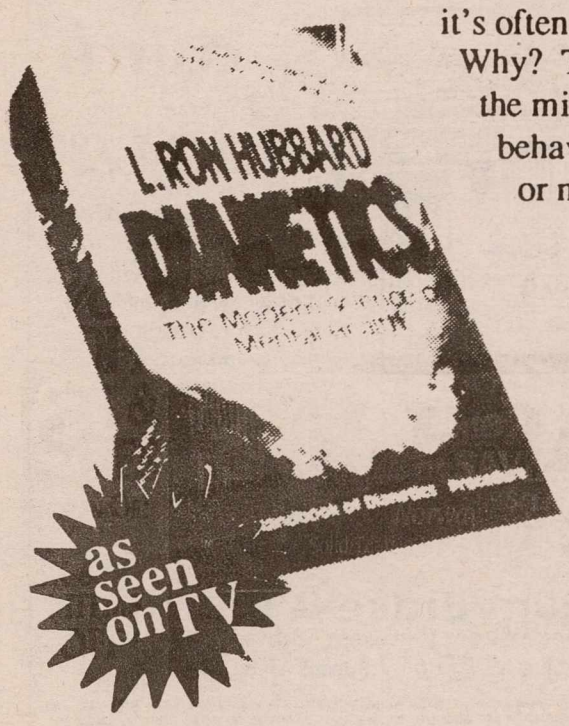

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Basketball starts Jan.25

All units and activities desiring to compete in the 1994 Intramural Basketball Season should contact Charles Hurd, intramural basketball coordinator, at **561-4131** or **561-4120**. A rules interpretation meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Gym No. 1, Building 63. All prospective teams must have a representative at this meeting.

Coaches needed for youth basketball teams

Volunteer coaches are needed for the Presidio's Youth Sports Basketball season. Players ages 9 to 11 will be playing on the Presidio Scorpions team and youths 12 and 13 years old will play for the Presidio Bulldogs. To volunteer your time or other services, call Allen Posey at **561-3673**, or Bill Boehm at **561-5143**.

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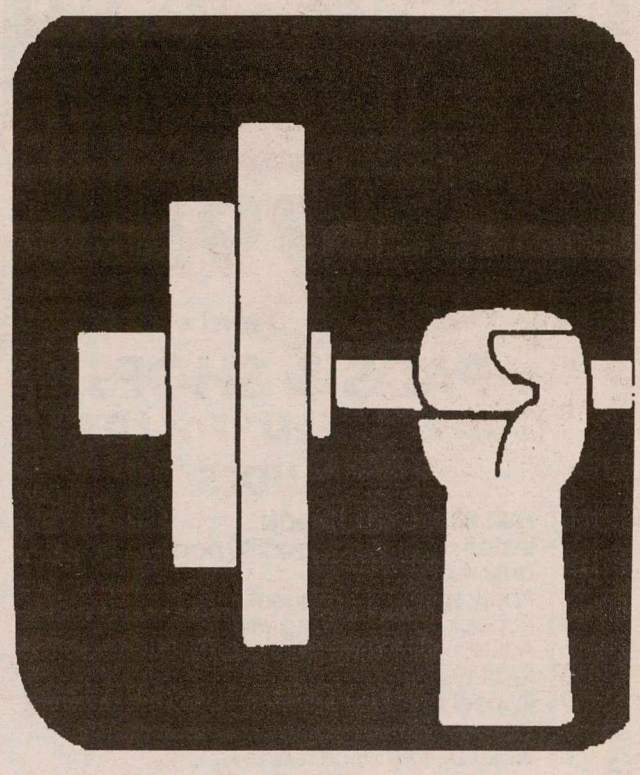
Gym No. 1 is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekends and holidays. Call **561-4120** to reserve the one squash court or one of the two racquetball courts. The gym also features a full-size basketball court, aerobic dance classes, two saunas and Universal weight machines and free weights in addition to the aforementioned Nautilus.

Gym No. 2, Building 1152 is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It features a sauna, basketball court one racquetball court, a weight room and exercise bicycles. Call **561-6137** to reserve the racquetball court.

Next door is the post swimming pool, Building 1151, open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. weekends. The pool is heated and the staff offers swimming, lifesaving and scuba lessons. Call Alan Posey at **561-3673** for information.

Outdoor facilities include eight tennis courts around post, two lighted softball fields at Fort Scott, and three baseball/football fields. For any information not covered here, call Bobbie Gascon, Presidio sports director, at **561-4120** or **561-5032**.



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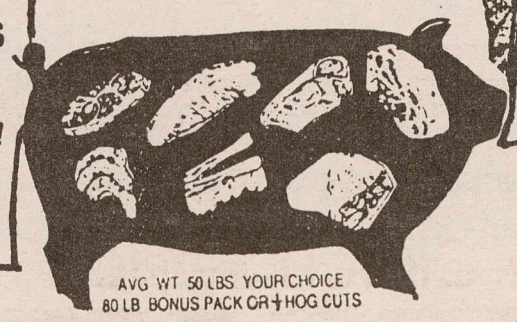

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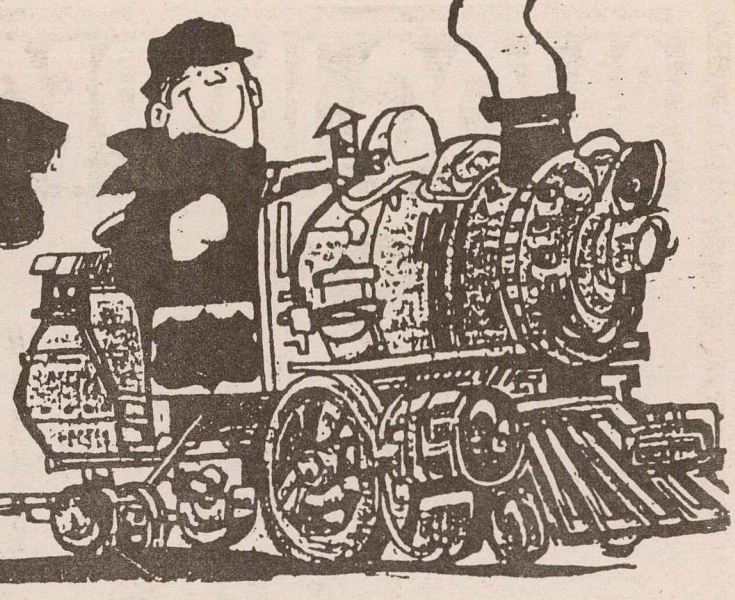

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U.S. Army photo by Charles Blancet

San Francisco felt the devastation of the Loma Prieta 1989 Earthquake. Now the San Frenando Valley community is recovery from the shock of the 6.6 earthquake which crippled the area Monday morning. The Sixth U.S. Army Operations Center's Crisis Action Team is helping the Southern California area by coordianting rescue efforts.

Earthquake hits

Sixth Army helps community, coordinates rescue efforts

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

More than 40 people are dead, hundreds wounded. Many are still fighting the fallen debris which pins them helplessly to the earth.

To keep those trapped from becoming a number in earthquake's death toll, the Sixth U.S. Army Crisis Action Team is coordinating urban search and rescue efforts.

"The normally crowded streets of Los Angeles were totally deserted. It left a very eery feeling," said Col. Ken Smith, who viewed the area from the airplane at 8 p.m. Monday night. "Some baseball fields and other areas were crowded with people who were camping out. They had decided not to go back into their homes either because the damage was too severe or because they feared more after shocks would occur."

After the 6.6 earthquake devastated thousands when it crippled the San Fernando Valley area at 4:31 Monday morning, the Sixth Army Crisis Action Team went to work to ease the misery.

Smith is the Defense Coordinating Officer representing the Department of Defense during this federal disaster. As a federal coordinating officer, he is responsible for coordinating tasking of DoD assests within the DoD.

"We have tasked the Air Force at March Air Force Base and Marines at Camp Pendleton at this time," Smith said. "They will provide the Urban Search and Rescue Team with housing and other supplies."

"We will coordinate the location set for the rescue teams, the transportation and reception," said Maj. Carey A. Martin, operations officer, Sixth U.S. Army Operations Center. "We are in direct coordination with the agencies and are involved in the tightening down of the little details. Making sure the team members have a place to stay and water to drink."

The Crisis Action Team coordinated DoD support for the emergency and keeps higher headquarters informed throughout the crisis.

"Our mission is to gather information--reports from state agencies and counter

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Child care givers needed as day care center closes

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The post's child care center is closing soon, meaning those families with young children need to investigate alternatives for their children. But first, providers must be found to supply adequate care.

The Family Child Care Program on the Presidio is here to stay.

When the Child Development Center closes June 30, Family Child Care will be the only Army run source of child care on the Presidio. But the system needs more providers from the community to be fully effective.

Family Child Care, as regulated by the Army, offers the same high quality, developmentally appropriate care for children in trained providers' homes, according to Mary Anne Gianquento, Family Child Care director. Each provider must complete a free training program and be certified, thereby assuring that each child in care receives more than just "babysitting".

"We have 10 providers now, but three will be leaving within the next two months," Gianquento said. "Providers can take up to six children each."

That means the eight remaining providers will be able to care for a maximum of 48 children. The program needs at least 15 more providers to meet the needs of the total community.

The problem is two-fold. Those with young children in the center now can be care providers with the proper training. Yet, Gianquento said, many parents are in denial that the center will close.

To emphasize the situation's seriousness, Needs Assessment letters have been sent to families to ascertain how many children will be remaining on post after the center closes. Without the Needs Assessment letters there is little chance of determining the need for child care.

Also, those willing to provide care-provider service can write their response on the letters and send them in.

"There are about 130 children enrolled in the Child Development Center now. Parents who've received Needs Assessment letters should turn those in now," Gianquento said.

Family Child Care providers are not employees of the government -- they are running their own small business. This allows providers to stay at home with their own children while having a chance to earn money by providing a much needed service.

FCC providers are part the of the United States Department of Agriculture Child Care Food Program and receive reimbursement for the nutritious meals they serve the children, including their own.

FCC offers a home environment for small groups of children, ideal for infants and toddlers. The FCC director and educational specialist visit FCC homes frequently, offering support, advice and materials for children, such as art supplies and toys.

The FCC program may have to recruit from the civilian community for providers if it doesn't get support from the presidio community. This expenditure would create a disadvantage for the parents who will need to use the program.

"Regular civilian providers don't have the training that the Army provides," Gianquento said. "We'll still have at least 100 young children who will need care." There is an orientation briefing from 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 1, and FCC training is scheduled for Feb. 14 to 18.

If you want more information about the FCC program, whether you are a parent looking for care, or someone interested in being a provider, call Mary Anne Gianquento at **561-6372**.

Bay Area landmarks give reason to explore

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

When we decided to ask Presidians to name their favorite Bay Area landmark, there was a method to our madness. Well, I guess it was my madness; I hesitate to blame any of that on my wonderful photojournalists.

You see, I am hoping to stimulate some thought about the number of beautiful places and things there are to see in the Bay Area. We are truly fortunate to live in an area as culturally and geographically diverse as San Francisco. There is truly "something for everyone," no matter what their budget or area of interest.

Are you thinking that everything is too expensive? Well, are you aware that the museums in Golden Gate Park (M.H. de Young, Asian Art Museum, California Academy of Sciences) offer free admission the first Wednesday of every month -- and that they stay open late to accommodate folks who work during the day? Did you know that the purchase of one ticket to the Exploratorium nets you a six-month membership; you don't have to pay again until your ticket expires. Additionally, there are a number of facilities, such as the Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum, that don't charge admission at all. It doesn't cost you anything to go watch the sea lions at Pier 39 or Seal Rock. The Wax Museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not, and the Guiness Book of Records Museum at Fisherman's Wharf all offer military discounts, as does the U.S.S. Pampano. It just takes a little creativity and research to find inexpensive activities for the entire family.

I have frequently been told, by soldiers and family members alike, that "there is nothing to do around here." I must confess that I am quite puzzled about this. Even without an automobile (I only just purchased my first car ever) it's fairly easy to get around. Buses will take you to Golden Gate Park, Haight Street, downtown -- all it takes is a call to MUNI and they will tell you which buses to take and where to transfer if needed. The MUNI information line is **673-MUNI**. Don't be shy about taking the bus; you don't have to worry about parking, and you get to see some interesting sights while someone else drives! And the bus is an environmentally sound alternative to more cars on the road!

Another option for transportation around the Bay Area is to take the ferry. Ferry service from the city to Sausalito, Angel Island, Tiburon, and Vallejo (where you can connect with a bus to Marine World Africa USA) is a relaxing change from fighting bridge traffic. A ferry ride also gives you a different perspective on the beauty of our "city by the Bay." By the way, a ferry ride is the only way to visit Alcatraz Island -- you pay for your transportation and the tour around the island is free.

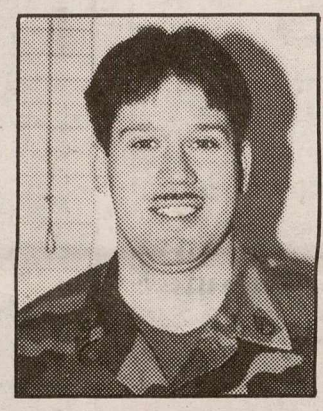
So, if you are wondering what to do or see this weekend, take a look to the right of this column. See what your fellow Presidians have named as their favorite Bay Area landmark, and check it out for yourself. Take a ride out to Seal Rock and watch the animals. Take a walk on the beach. Get out of the house and enjoy the beautiful Bay Area.

Ask Presidians

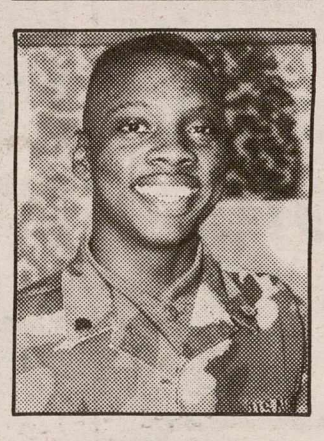
What is your favorite Bay Area landmark and why?

Spc. Shawne D. Maile, deputy commander's driver, Command Group: "There really is no specific place that is my favorite. The whole area is beautiful and historic. My wife and I go everywhere."

Gloria Valenzuela, administrative clerk, Child Development Center: "The Golden Gate Bridge. It is one of the greatest sites in the world."



Staff Sgt. Douglas D. Armon, personnel staff NCO, Personnel Administration Center: "The Golden Gate Bridge because it's one of the oldest landmarks and because it's been able to withstand the earthquakes not like the other bridges."



Spc. Bo'Tiwa A. Jackson, personnel management clerk, Strength Management Office: "Paramount Theatre. It's one of the few places I've been where I really enjoyed myself."

Spc. Shaye M. Wilkenson, personnel automatons systems analyst, SIDPERS: "Alcatraz. It sits out in the middle of the Bay. I think its background story and history are interesting."

By Spc. Adrienne Story

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Aetna extends deadlines Review TRICARE details

Beginning Feb. 1, the Department of Defense will offer the CHAMPUS Prime, Extra, and Standard benefits under the new name, TRICARE, to all eligible beneficiaries in California and Hawaii through Aetna Government Health Plans (AGHP).

According to Robert H. Kaplan, Vice President of AGHP, "there will be no lag in health care coverage, nor should there be any disruption of the services that this program provides."

Aetna has CHAMPUS Service Center staff available and ready to assist CHAMPUS beneficiaries throughout the state, including Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic. The Letterman CHAMPUS Service Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and can be reached by calling **(415) 561-0650** or **(800) 451-8552** to answer any questions beneficiaries might have.

According to Kaplan, beneficiaries should carefully review the materials they have been receiving and will continue to receive concerning details of the TRICARE program for changes which might affect them. Some beneficiaries in the Prime program may need to choose a new Primary Care Physician.

To avoid any disruption in service, AGHP and the DoD are pleased to announce that the deadline for choosing a new Primary Care Physician has been extended to the end of January.

Aetna's customer service unit is calling the beneficiaries who need to make this change to offer assistance with the transition.

"AGHP staff members in the Service Centers are available to help anyone with questions about the transition or the TRICARE program, and beneficiaries should feel free to call. We look forward to a healthy 1994 for all beneficiaries of the new program," Kaplan said.

Aetna Government Health Plans

Tax Corner

Mistakes delay refund Check your tax return

. A few minutes spent double-checking the federal tax return before sending it to the Internal Revenue Service could save time in the long run, said IRS officials.

Any mistake slows down processing and could delay a refund by as much as two weeks, said IRS officials. The error, like no signature or missing attachments, might even kick the return back to the taxpayer.

Before you mail the federal tax return, IRS officials suggested going through the forms one last time to check these points:

* Make sure your correct name and Social Security number appear on each schedule.

* Make sure the name and Social Security number for each dependent 1 year and older appear on the tax return.

* If you are filing a joint return, make sure your spouse signed and dated the form.

* Make sure your math is correct.

* If you are not itemizing, use the correct standard deduction.

* If you qualified for the earned income credit, child care credit or other type of credit, make sure you correctly filled out the required forms.

* Double-check that you marked the correct boxes and carried the correct figures to the appropriate lines.

* Double-check that you entered the correct amount from the tax tables.

* If you owe taxes, be sure to spell out "Internal Revenue Service" on the check or money order.

* Ensure Form W-2s, schedules and other required forms are attached in the proper order to the tax return.

Once you determine the tax return is correct, make a copy of the complete package, including all supporting forms.

Check the postage on the return before you mail it. Depending on the number of attachments to the basic return, the envelope could require additional postage. IRS officials will return a postage-due envelope to you.

The return is considered late if they receive it after April 15, even if the first time you mailed it was before the deadline.

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The Legal Assistance Section at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate offers legal services in support of active and retired military personnel and their families.

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The attorneys cannot provide in-court representation. However, they can assist clients with legal documents, papers or pleadings in civil proceedings, such as stepparent adoptions, divorce, or small claims.

During tax season, January through April, the Legal Assistance Office operates the Presidio Tax Center, which provides numerous tax forms and publications, attorney-supervised tax preparation and electronic filing.

Due to the volume of clients seen on a daily basis it is required that you call to make an appointment.

Normally, the office can schedule an appointment within 24 hours of your phone call. However, in the event of an emergency, we will accommodate your needs.

Army Regulation dictates that the Legal Assistance Office may not give legal advice over the telephone.

Therefore, it is required that you visit the office in person.

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Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

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parts--filter that information and paint a picture for the FORSCOM higher headquarters," said Martin. "With our coordination they can make reliable decisions based on the information we've obtained from other sources.

"Our job is very important. If we weren't involved in the coordination process, the response time would take a lot longer," he continued. "A delay in this situation means lives. The number of deaths rises as time goes on. We help save those people who are trapped."

The SAOC is staffed at all hours during crisis.

More than 15 people are answering phones, working on computers ensuring communications are up, and sipping coffee if the opportunity arises for them to reach for their cup through the chaos. The upheaval of the crisis differs greatly from the daily activities of the center. Normally the center houses only four operations specialists. Despite the hectic atmosphere each person knows his mission and performs it to the best of his ability.

The last time the Crisis Action team was fully activated was during the Loma Prieta 1989 Earthquake, according to Martin. However, they are prepared for any emergency.

"We will conduct crisis exercises quarterly. We've been conducting them monthly," Martin said. "We hold weekly training.

"During the training things are a lot slower. You don't have the realism," he continued. "Duirng a real crisis the phones are constantly ringing and people are moving at a much quicker pace.

"It doesn't matter how prepared you are, you still have to fight through Murphy's Law -- what can go wrong will. You have to pull together and drive through it," the operations officer added. "The initial feeling as things come together is relief. You are relieved that you haven't dropped the ball, and you've done your job well. Then as you see everyone working together, you can savor the idea you did well."

Martin came on duty Monday at 5 a.m. He worked until 9 p.m., and came back in at 5 Tuesday morning.

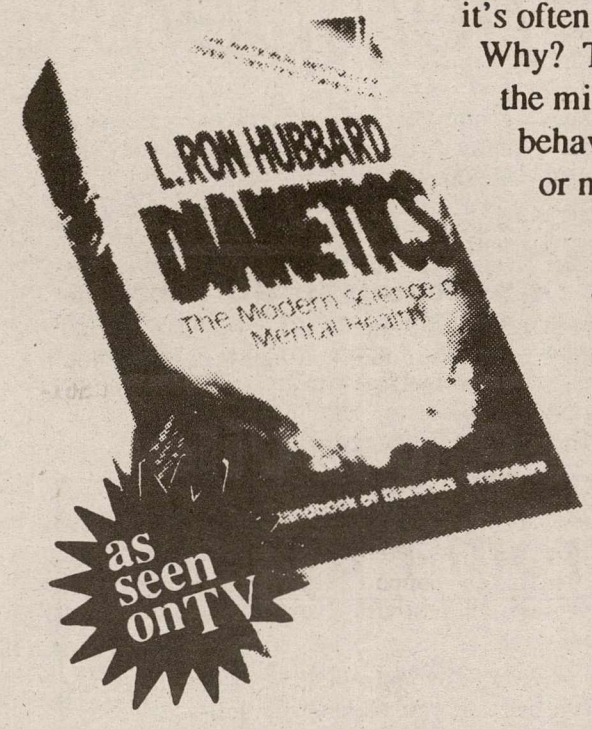
"Some people initially pulled 24 hour shifts, with few hours rest and right back again," he said modestly.

It is undetermined how long the SAOC will operate at this level or how long the Sixth Army Crisis Action Team members will be deployed to the earthquake site.

"We will continue the coordination throughout the crisis," Martin concluded. "The SAOC will operate at this level depending on the situation and requirements of the emergency. As the requirements reduce, our operations will reduce."

History has a way of repeating itself. Could it be the same with love and in personal relationships? See if any of these situations sound familiar:

- ☐ *You find yourself continually attracted to people who just aren't good for you.*
- ☐ *You have the same argument over and over with your spouse or partner.*
- ☐ *You have an unexplained urge to break off a relationship just when it's going well.*
- ☐ *You have observed a repeated pattern of broken relationships.*



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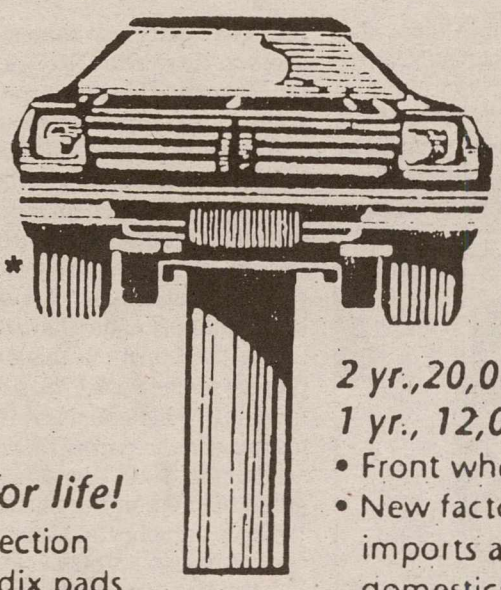

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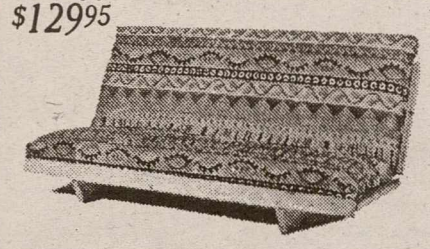

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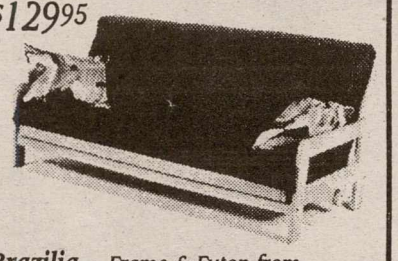

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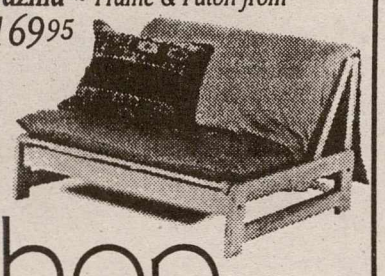

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Effectiveness Training for Adults and Couples. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 7, 14 & 21.

All classes will be held at Army Community Service, Bldg. 103B. For information, or to reserve your space, contact Karen Kaho at **561-5155**.

Mayors' meeting

There will be a Presidio Mayor's Meeting, 6 p.m., Monday, in the Bldg. 103B Conference Room. Areas without mayors need to be represented by the Area Coordinator. For details, contact Susan Burzo at **561-4147**.

Swimming pool closure

The Presidio Pool, Bldg. 1151, will be closed for routine maintenance and repairs, Jan. 23 through Feb. 5. We apologize for the inconvenience. For information, contact Cindy Agness, Customer Relations Specialist, Directorate of Public Works, at **561-3711**.

Child care providers needed

Do you want to be a home child care provider? The FCC program needs dedicated people. A challenging course of professional training in child development will be provided. If running your own business and taking care of children is appealing, then consider enrolling. Caring for other children in your home without certification is unauthorized! There will be an orientation briefing about the FCC program on Feb. 1, 9-10 a.m., at the Child Development Center. For information, call Mary Ann Gianquento at **561-6372**.

Pen pals wanted

Wanted: pen pals for hospitalized veterans. Send your name and address to Ken Kebow at:

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Job Resource Center Saturday hours

By popular demand, the Job Resource Center will be open tomorrow, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you've been to busy to get away from your office to prepare your SF-171 or resume, here is your chance. If the interest remains, the center will be open one Saturday each month, by appointment only. Make your appointment now by calling **561-2554**.

Sobriety, bicycle checkpoints

There will be a sobriety checkpoint at Mason & Halleck, west bound, Jan. 27, starting at 7 p.m. There will be a bicycle safety checkpoint at Lincoln & Armisted, Jan. 29. Military police will be on hand to answer questions and distribute safety information.

Intramural basketball competition

The 1994 Intramural Basketball Competition begins Tuesday. Units/activities desiring to participate in the Intramural program should contact Charles Hurd, Intramural Basketball Coordinator, at **561-4131/4120**.

NAF vehicles for sale

A 1987 Chevrolet Southwind motor home and a 1984 Chevrolet 25-passenger bus will be sold by sealed bid at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 667. This is a great opportunity to pick up a motor home for your traveling pleasure or to get a bus for your church, school, Scout or civic organization.

The minimum acceptable bid on the Southwind motor home is $4,000. The minimum bid on the 25-passenger bus is $2,000. The vehicles can be viewed at Outdoor Recreation Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sealed bids will be accepted at Outdoor Recreation from Feb. 1-16. All sealed bids will be opened Feb. 17, and the highest bidders over minimum will be contacted. Vehicles must be paid for and removed from Outdoor Recreation by Feb. 28. Vehicles are sold "as is." Bid sheets are available at Outdoor Recreation. This sale is open to DoD ID card holders only. For information, call Outdoor Recreation at **561-4324**.

Retiree Open House

The Presidio is hosting a Retiree Open House, Feb. 12. The day begins

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MP is Post NCO of the year

Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The post's noncommissioned officer of the year won a free trip to Orlando, Fla., while setting the standard for his peers and subordinates.

Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, a military policeman with Law Enforcement Company, won the post NCO of the Year competition held Jan. 13 in the Command Conference Facility.

Garrett is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the post's Traffic Accident Investigation Section. This is the section responsible for investigating accidents, abandoned vehicles, speeding tickets and drivers operating vehicles under the influence of substances.

"He's an outstanding NCO. I knew it would be a tough competition but he came to every study group I conducted," said LEC's 1st Sgt. Delores Carter.

"Whenever any of our soldiers appear before a board 1st Sgt. Carter conducts study groups, mostly on her own time," Garrett said as he sat in the MP station's security office.

Garrett competed against three other NCOs from the post including one other MP.

Garrett is in charge of four MPs who work 12-hour shifts. All members of his team are radar qualified.

"We're responsible for traffic plans for special events such as races, and we're responsible for setting up the barricades to redirect traffic," Garrett said.

The post's traffic history indicates that Garrett and his crew have a tough job. In calendar year 1993 there were 100 DUIs recorded, as well as 178 traffic accidents investigated, Garrett said.

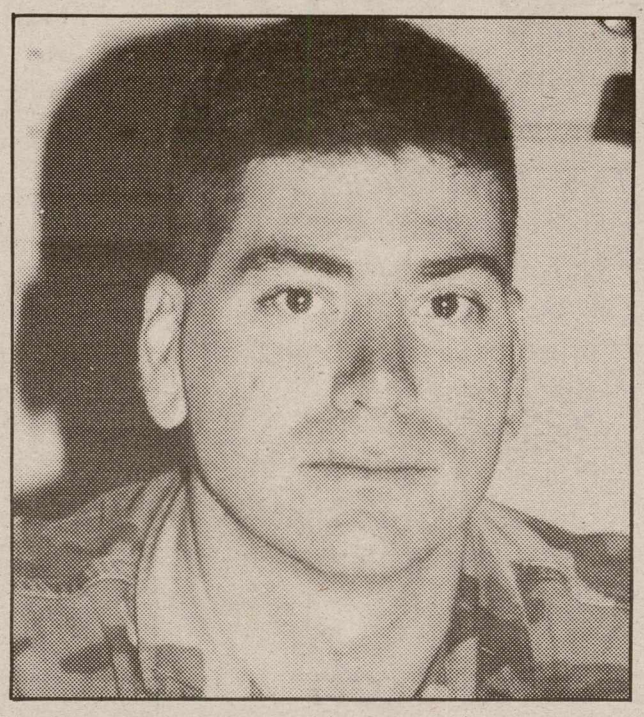
Garrett has been in the Army nine years.

"I always wanted to be a policeman. Once I joined the Army I discovered I liked the lifestyle. Now I have the best of both worlds as a soldier and a policeman," Garrett said.

It was in his role as a leader that Garrett was compelled to compete for his company's NCO of the Quarter title.

"I wanted to set an example for my junior soldiers who are preparing to appear before promotion boards," Garrett said.

"He has one sergeant in his section going before next month's NCO of the quarter board," Carter said, referring to Sgt. Richard Vater. Another of Garrett's soldiers, Spc. Kenton Goolsby, is preparing for the sergeants' promotion board. One method of leading them is by doing, so Garrett lead the way by competing in the contests.



Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett

Like a squad car rolling downhill, Garrett's board appearances gathered momentum as one appearance led to another. He won the NCO of the Quarter and later NCO of the Year for Headquarters Command Battalion before going on to compete for the post title.

Adjusting himself in the chair, Garrett said "It was the toughest board I've ever been to. I spent many hours studying. Still, the board members were able to dig up some questions I had never heard before.

Then, as he tilted his head forward and refocused his eyes, Garrett added, "If it wasn't for 1st Sgt. Carter, the competition wouldn't have turned out this way."

But it did turn out this way, and Garrett now has to prepare for the Sixth U.S. Army NCO of the Year competition Feb. 6 in Reno, Nev. He'll be spending a lot more of his free time preparing for advancement to that next title.

After the Sixth Army board he will be treated to the grand opening of the Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort, the first armed forces recreation center in the continental United States, Feb. 13 to 17, in Orlando, Fla. The trip will cover costs for him and his family and will include all meals, transportation, hotel accommodations and admission to Disney World. Rewards like this await those who earn them.

Examples of self-development always look good for soldiers who want to continue their careers. Garrett said he doesn't mind doing the little extras that will help him acheive one of his goals, advancement in rank.

"Hopefully this will help him make sergeant first class," Carter said. She indicated that Garrett is an NCO who is willing to set the standard. "I would rather have him as a squad leader now, leading troops."

Also, Garrett wants to be a drill sergeant. That's the first person a new recruit becomes close to, and is the first leader who molds the recruit into a new soldier. Preparing for that role will require more extensive studying and sacrifice.

Yet, Garrett's slight smile indicated he's already preparing himself mentally for the challenges ahead as he said, "Anything worthwhile is not easy to obtain."

Soldier of Year wins Disney World trip

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Spc. Adrienne D. Story, now that you've won the Post Soldier of the Year competition, what are you going to do next?

"I'm going to Disney World!"

That was one of the rewards the Headquarters and Headquarters Company soldier received after being named the U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of San Francisco Soldier of the Year in the competition held Jan. 13 in the Command Conference Facility, Building 35. She will next compete for the Sixth U.S. Army Soldier of the Year title Feb. 3 in Reno, Nev.

Story, a journalist for the Star Presidian and the post's Public Affairs Office, competed against five other soldiers, including her husband Will. The parents of 8-month-old Lindsey Story helped each other study for the competition and generated some speculation among the post's soldiers as to which one would best the other.

At one point their cooperation turned into disaster. She burned her husband's pants the day before the board -- accidentally, of course.

"It was a new uniform and he'd just had the pants hemmed. I was trying to iron them to hide the new hem and I burned them -- I guess I had the iron up too high," she explained.

So, at 4 p.m. the day before the board, her husband had to buy a new pair of pants and get them hemmed by the tailor shop on post.

"You've got to do what you've got to do," she jokingly added.

The Storys' story spread around post like wildfire. On the day of the contest a number of officers, soldiers and some board members were able to draw out a red-faced grin that contrasted with her blue eyes when asking about the pants incident.

But preparation seemed to be the key to her victory.

Story received guidance, preparation and other help from a number of noncommissioned officers on post.

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Kenally, NCOIC of the Ceremonial Platoon, set up a mock board for her to get some practice responding to questions. The mock board included the CP's Staff Sgt. Jerord Wilson, Sgt. Jay Pope and Cpl. Bryant Long. Master Sgt. James F. Jackson, Headquarters Command Battalion S-3 NCOIC, acted as board president.

"She was excellent on the mock board," Wilson said. "She did a good job. She said that she had some trouble with weapons knowledge, but she obviously studied the areas that she was weak in."

Story said she got started in board competitions to prove that she was ready for the promotion board. But her first board at the company level did not end with the desired outcome.

"I lost to my husband in my first board appearance, and he's the most squared-away soldier I know. Being the competitive person that I am, I decided to go ahead and compete for the next board, which I won," the 5-foot six-inch soldier said.

"As the boards went on I always felt that I wasn't prepared due to the lack of time," she continued. "During the latest board my office was understaffed and I had my daughter Lindsey to care for at home, so I studied after bedtime. But it worked out for the best."

Her victory secured a special reward. Unknown to the competitors, the winner received an all expenses paid trip to the grand opening of the Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort, the first armed forces recreation center in the continental United States, Feb. 13 to 17, in Orlando, Fla. The trip will cover costs for her and her family and will include all meals, transportation, hotel accommodations and admission to Disney World.

Story has other heights to climb after visiting Disney World. She readily tells anyone who asks what she expects to achieve.

"I'm looking forward to earning my promotion and moving to a new duty station for added Army experience.

"I want to become the editor of *Soldiers Magazine*, I want to be a drill sergeant and I want to go on to become the first female sergeant major of the Army, as well as a good wife and mother."

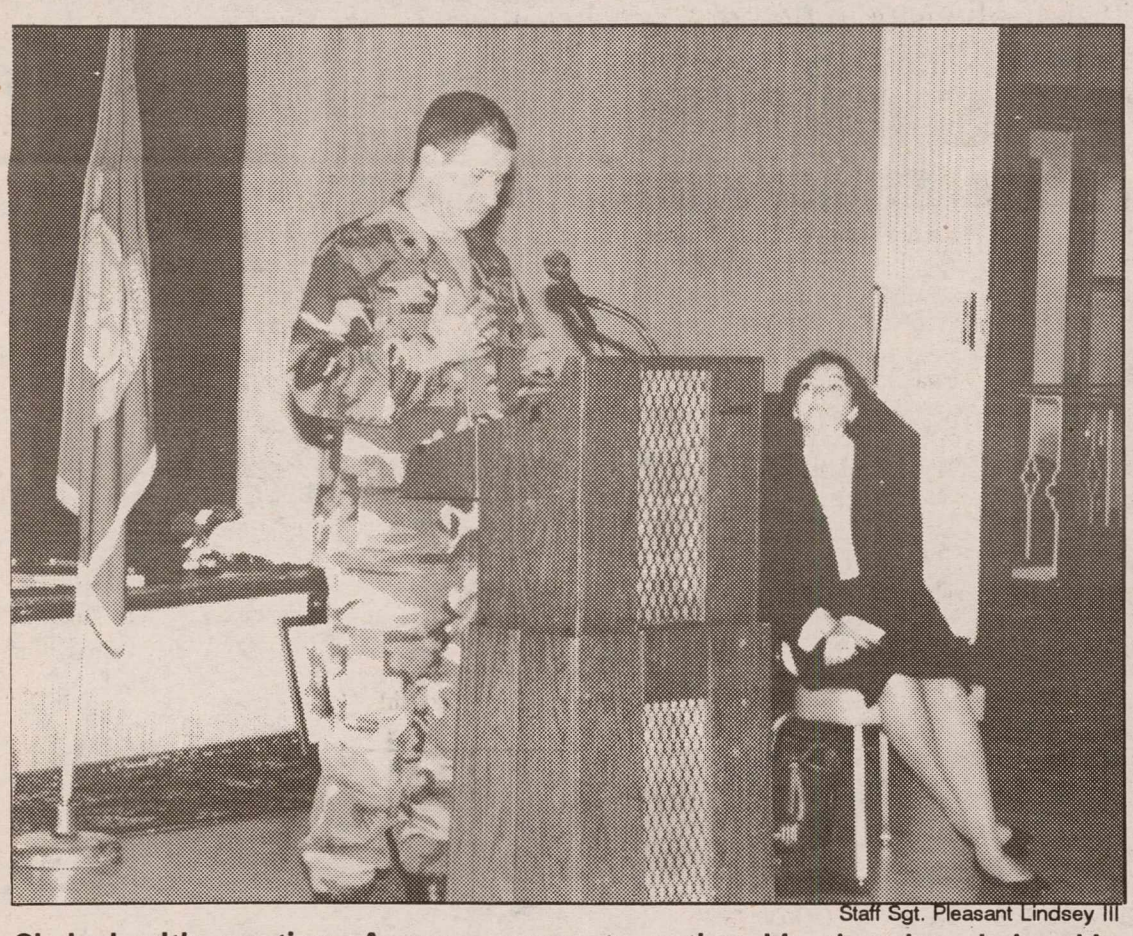
Hooah!

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Spc. Adrienne D. Story prepares an article for the Star Presidian

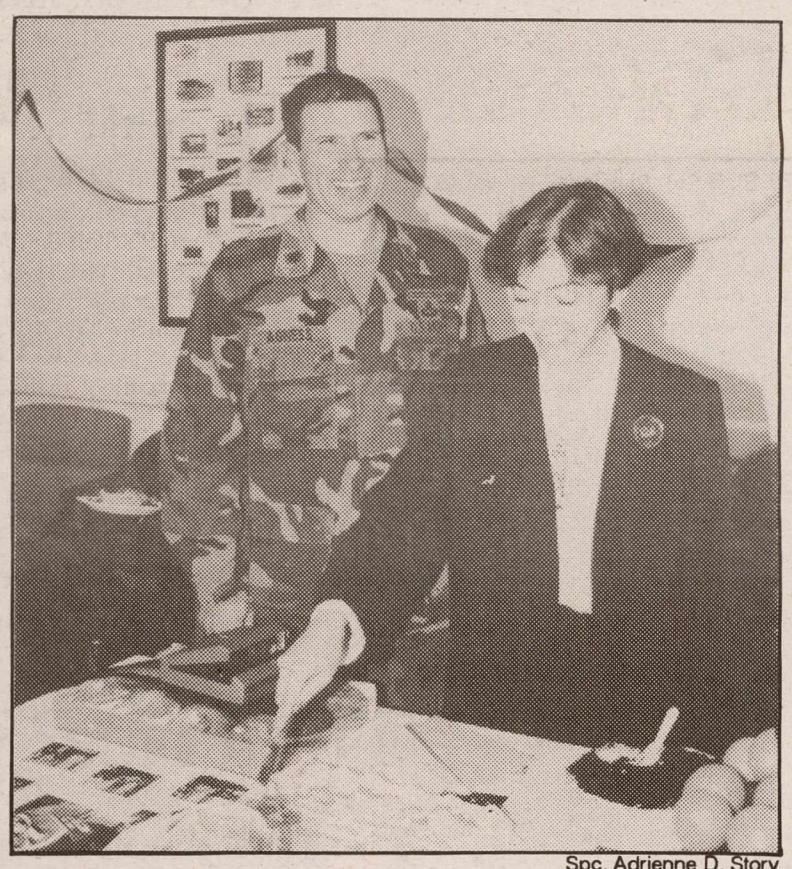
Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Members of the post's Ceremonial Platoon bring in a "body" to present Sgt. Major Dennis McKay's plaque to Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness.



Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Choked with emotion, Agness pauses to gather his thoughts during his farewell address to the troops of Headquarters Command Battalion.



Spc. Adrienne D. Story

Agness and wife Cindy cut their cake at a luncheon held in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference Room.

A fond farewell

By Maj. Lindsey A. Smith
Headquarters Command Battalion

Headquarters Command Battalion soldiers bid farewell to Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness, battalion commander, and his wife, Cindy Agness Jan. 12.

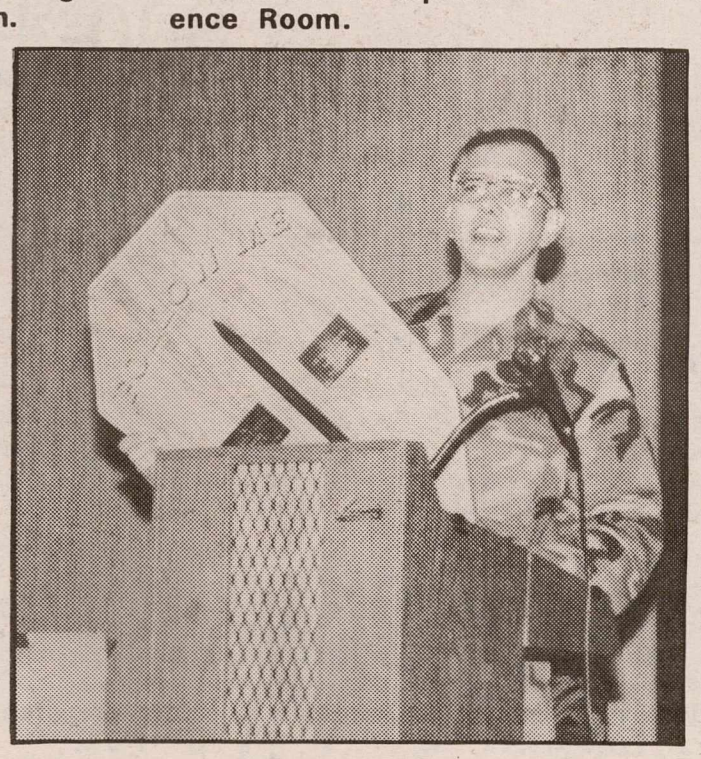
About 200 sodliers were present as Col. Gregory A. Renn, garrison commander, presented a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Agness for the support she provided to sodliers of the battalion. Soldiers gave a wooden San Francisco cable music box to Mrs. Agness to show their appreciation.

Lt. Col. Agness then received a number of mementos from the battalion staff, the battalion Sgt. Maj. Dennis McKay and each company commander within the Headquarters Command Battalion.

The highlight of the ceremony was a presentation made by Sgt. Maj. McKay, who explained that Agness would correct him often when he used the term "bodies" when referring to soldiers tasked for details. A skit was prepared. Ceremonial Platoon sodliers carried a casket with a "live" soldier who sat straight up and presented Agness with a handmade wooden plaque. The plaque, shape of the Infantry's "Follow Me" patch, contained an actual 1909 mauser rifle bayonet.

On Jan. 20, Agness will relinguish command of the Headquarters Command Battalion to his Executive Officer, Maj. Lindsey A. Smith.

Agness will become the assistant chief of staff for Sixth U.S. Army, and he and his family will remain at the Presidio.



Sgt. Major Dennis McKay displays the handmade wooden plaque shaped like the infantry's "Follow Me" patch that was presented to Agness. The plaque contained an actual 1909 mauser rifle bayonet.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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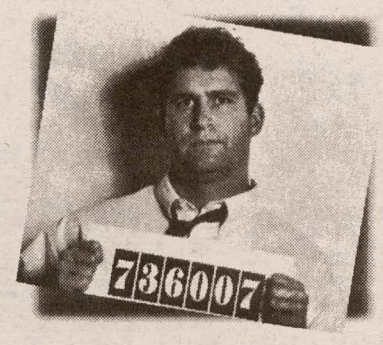

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at 9 a.m. in the Post Theater with briefings, and then moves to the Officers' Club, with activities ending at 2 p.m. Gary Smith, HQDA Retirement Services and the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUS) president, and Maj. Gen. Pennington (retired) will be present to answer questions. There will also be representatives of many other retiree organizations. Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will sponsor a mini health fair. The ID Card Section, Bldg. 86, will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to retirees and their family members. No appointments will be made for ID cards; cards will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Scheduled Power Outages

The following buildings/quarters will experience a ten to 30-minute power outage at about **8 a.m. today and again at about 5 p.m.:** 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 64, 65, 67, 540 through 582, 705 through 791, 804 through 864, barracks 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030.

These buildings/quarters will experience a two-hour power outage today on the following schedule

8-10 a.m.: 1202 through 1208, 1300 through 1341, 1351, 1353, 1355, 1357, 1359, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1369, 1398, 1399, 1648.

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: 1417, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1703 through 1713, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1788, 1789, 1794.

12-2 p.m.: 1401 through 1425, 1432, 1450, 1451, 1471, Boy Scout Latrine.

2-4 p.m.: 540 through 550, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030.

The following buildings/quarters will be affected by a power outage of approximately four hours tomorrow:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.: 92, 93 (Bowling Center), 97, 116, 117, 125, 126, 120, 311, 314, 325 through 345, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 385, 401 through 424, 428, 432, 434.

12-4 p.m.: 99 through 105, 108, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126.

These buildings/quarters will be affected by a power outage of approximately eight to ten hours, starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m.: 540 through 559, 705 through 791, 804 through 820, 836, 850 through 864, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030.

For information, please contact Cindy Agness, DPW Customer Relations Specialist, at **561-3711.**

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All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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Gospel service in main chapel

The Presidio Gospel Prayer and Praise Service worships from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sundays in the Main Post Chapel. It holds prayer sessions and Bible study classes from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in the Religious Activities Center, Building 682. The Gospel Service's theme is "Seeking the Lost for Christ."

HAAF MWR phone numbers

Hamilton Army Air Field's Morale, Welfare and Recreation office has changed phone numbers for its activities. The main phone number is **382-4210**, and the fax number is **382-4214**. For Hamilton Gym, call **382-4134**. The bowling Center is **382-4132**.

For the convenience of patrons, the Information, Tours and Ticket Office is now open late Thursday nights. All tickets offered by Hamilton's MWR will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursdays. The facility urges customers to plan ahead for the weekend and come in to the office after work for leisure activity plans.

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By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian Staff

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ITT (Information, Tickets & Tours) is operated by Sandy Cornett. Cornett has been the director of ITT since 1988, a position well suited to her background in recreation.

"The most interesting part of my job is going with people on tours," she smiled. "I love being out with the groups, especially watching them win money when we go to Lake Tahoe!"

The SATO Travel Leisure Travel section is housed in the same facility. Tim Hecock and Barbara Alee are the sales agents; Kathy Trabitz and her administrative assistant Jackie Cook oversee the whole operation. Ken Brissette is in charge of marketing.

Hecock and Alee can help you make reservations for such exotic ports of call as London, Paris, Normandy, Berlin, and Costa Rica, or for ski trips to Utah or Colorado. If you want to see the United States, maybe a tour of the Ozarks or the National Parks is more your speed. In any case, the folks at SATO Travel can help you plan ahead for either group trips such as those listed or for individual travel plans.

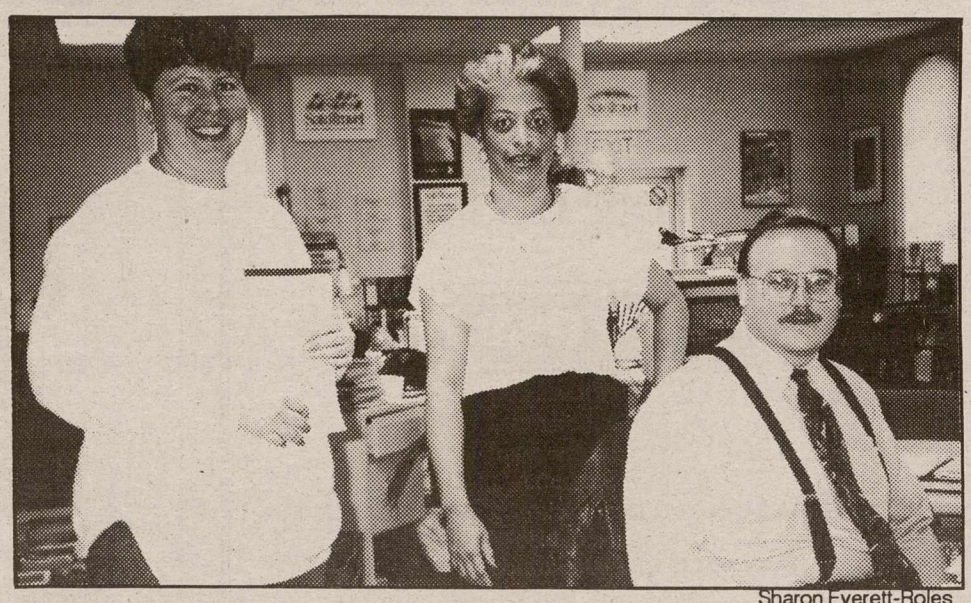
Exact dates for SATO Travel/ITT's closure have not yet been determined, so the folks are planning to act as if they aren't closing!

What this means to you is that there are diverse opportunities for entertainment available at a discount. You can obtain tickets for special events or attractions, make vacation plans, and so on.

"We will be here at least until June," Cornett explained, "and possibly even as late as August."

Cornett also said that SATO Travel/ITT welcomes suggestions for van tours, so feel free to submit ideas.

Maybe you're wondering why you should use SATO Travel/ITT instead of your travel agency downtown. Well, according to Hecock, a percentage of all sales go to the Presidio's Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund. Last year, SATO Travel/ITT gave $30,700 to the fund that helps provide services to soldiers right here on post.



Sharon Everett-Roles

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Sports briefs

Post's Basketball season begins tomorrow

The Presidio Basketball Team resumes its season this weekend. The Presidians will host a team from Fort Irwin, Calif., at 1 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday in Gym No. 1, Building 63. Dominican College's Junior Varsity team will visit the Presidio Jan. 28, and the Presidians will host airmen from Castle Air Force Base, Modesto Calif., in February.

Youth basketball teams need coaches

Volunteer coaches are needed for the Presidio's Youth Sports Basketball season. The youths will be playing in the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Division's Northern Division. Players ages 9 to 11 will be playing on the Presidio Scorpions team and youths 12 and 13 years old will play for the Presidio Bulldogs. The games will be played on Hamilton Court on Geary and Steiner streets in the city.

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Aerobics

What a workout!

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Aerobics at one time was classified much like the kitchen -- it's for women and men just sat back and watched.

This no longer holds true. Men have put down their telescopes and put one their sweats. They are joining the masses of aerobic exercise because it offers a great workout for everyone.

Aerobics offer a great respiratory and muscular workout, according to Staff Sgt. Katherine Ricks, Headquarters Command Battalion.

Ricks has led aerobics for company physical training.

"I think its definitely an important part of a PT program," she said. "It helps with the cardiovascular and muscular endurance. During regular PT sessions you either run and another time do push ups and sit-ups. In the amount of time you have to conduct PT, you don't get to improve on all areas enough. With aerobics you get to work all major parts of the body in just one hour."

Ricks tries to participate in aerobics three times a week when possible.

"I really enjoy it because it offers variety," she continued. "You do different steps, and different routines. You listen to music and have a good time."

She also points out that an aerobic exercise offers the five components of fitness: Cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, body composition and flexibility.

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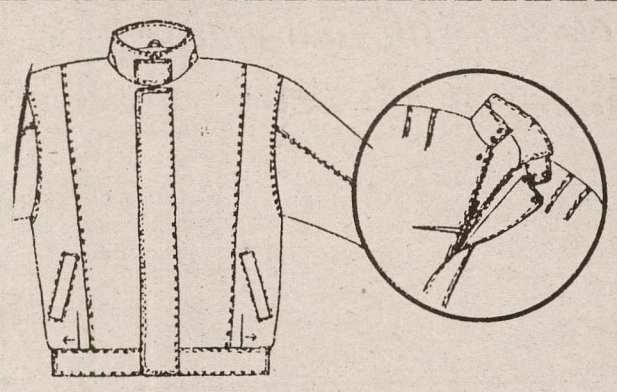

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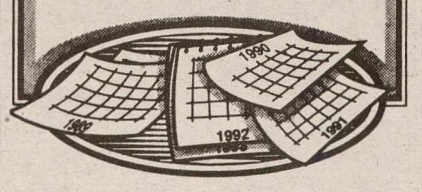

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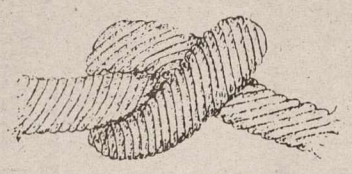

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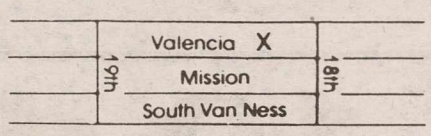

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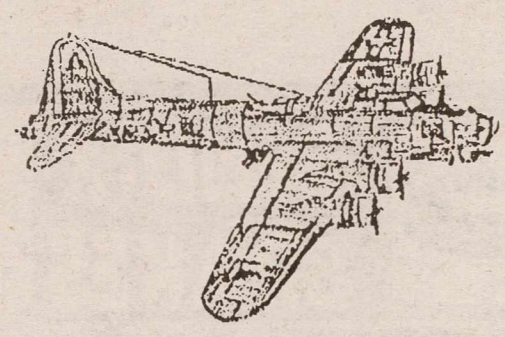

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In morning, travel to Reims, passing Belleau Wood and Alsne Marne Cemetery. At Reims, visit the "Red School House" and Reims Cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Includes breakfast and dinner.

Day 5: Reims to Belgium and Luxembourg
In morning, visit a champagne winery before continuing to Bastogne, Belgium, site of the Battle of the Bulge. Then travel to Luxembourg to visit General Patton's grave at the Third Army Cemetery. Includes breakfast and dinner.

Day 6: Luxembourg to Malmedy, Huertgen Forest Aachen
Leave Luxembourg and visit the memorial to the victims of the Malmedy massacre and the Battle Museum at La Gleize. Continue through Huertgen Forest to Aachen for the night. Includes breakfast and dinner.

Day 7: Aachen to Remagen and Wurzburg
In morning, visit the sights of the Battle of Aachen, then continue to Remagon to the Ludendorff Railway Bridge. Then travel to Wurzburg. Includes breakfast and dinner.

Day 8: Wurzburg to Berlin
Following free time in Wurzburg, travel to Berlin. Includes breakfast.

Day 9: Berlin
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Symbol of appreciation

Sgt. Betsy Bibb, Law Enforcement Company, presents a bouquet of flowers to Cindy Agness. Col. Gregory A. Renn, garrison commander, thanked Mrs. Agness for all her contributions to the Headquarters Command Battalion during Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness' change of command ceremony held on the Presidio Main Parade Field Jan. 20.

Sixth Army to the rescue in earthquake recovery

By Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Adviser

It looked like a scene from a war-ravaged area in a third-world country. The buildings were a mass of cracked walls and piles of rubble. Cars were literally cut in half or burned-out hulks of metal. Even the video footage on television had not prepared me for this scene.

This was in the Reseda area of Los Angeles just a fews days after an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale had caused untold billions of dollars of destruction.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Campbell from the 3/160th Infantry, California Army National Guard, was taking me on a tour of the apartment complex he and his squad were guarding. They were making sure that no one tried to loot the apartments or attempted to enter what was left of the building structures without the permission of safety engineers.

He explained that some tenants had been allowed to enter their former homes to retrieve personal items, and he had talked with a few. Pointing to a window on the second floor, Campbell said the former tenant had come by that morning and told him he had moved into the apartment on Sunday, just hours before the quake hit, using a friend's truck he had borrowed. Campbell pointed out the truck to me, the front half smashed under two floors of the apartment structure and the back half in perfect condition sticking out the back.

At another complex I toured, the former tenants had moved their residences to the parking lot, where they had set up lean-to's with whatever materials were available, including plastic garbage bags. National Guard personnel were also providing security at this location and had also set up tent shelters in several locations in the disaster area.

These were also some of the sites visited by the Secretary of the Army Togo D. West Jr. when he was in the Los Angeles area the Saturday after the earthquake. He also visited the Disaster Field Office in Pasadena, where the Federal Emergency Management Agency is coordinating federal government support to local and state agencies.

Sixth Army is playing an important role in disaster recovery operations by coordinating federal military support to FEMA. Just hours after receiving word of the earthquake, Col. Kenneth Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mobilization Evaluation here, was appointed the Defense Coordinating Officer. He is leading the efforts of the Defense Coordinating Element at the FEMA operational headquarters in Pasadena, where about 13 Sixth Army personnel are processing all requests for federal military support.

To date, federal military support has included transportation and billeting of the urban search and rescue teams and medical teams by March Air Force Base; water support by Marines from the 1st Force Service Support Group at Camp Pendleton and sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 at Port Hueneme, as well as, water tankers from the 63d Army Reserve Command at Los Alamitos; aviation support from the 214th Aviation Regiment, 63d ARCOM; linguist support to the FEMA Joint Information Center and Disaster Assistance Centers from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey; video documentation support from the Combat Camera Team at March Air Force Base; construction of a train platform and parking lot south of Palmdale by Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40.; and stress management teams from the 176th Medical Group, 63d ARCOM, Los Alamitos. The Army Corps of Engineers is also providing water support and engineer support for building inspections.

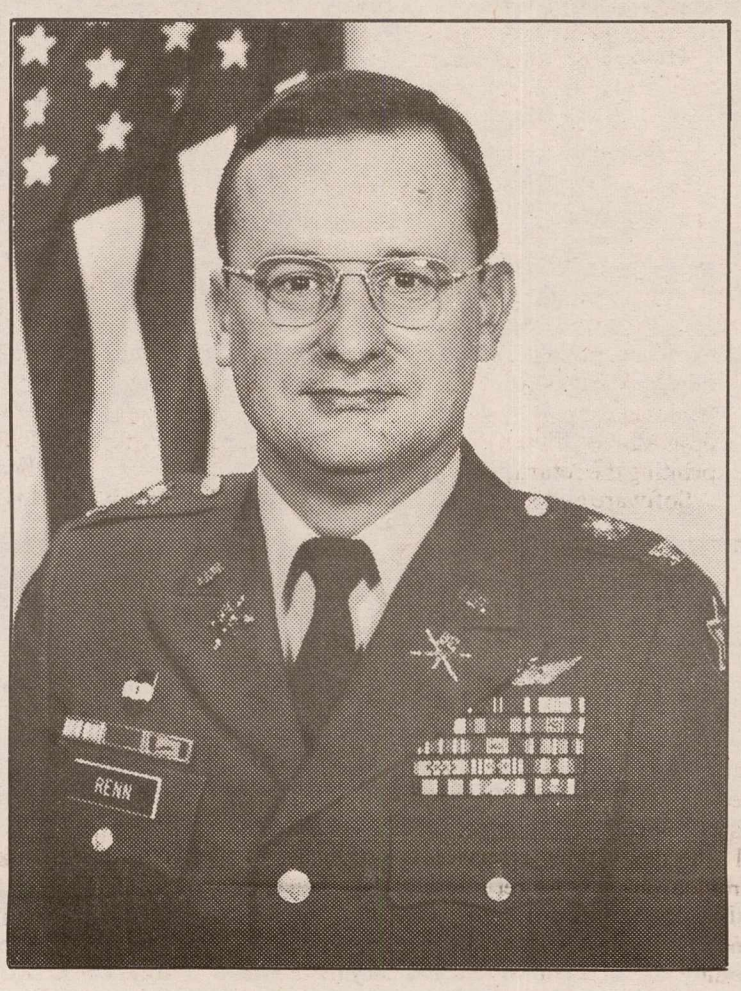
The California National Guard is providing more than 2,000 personnel to support various missions, including security, aviation, medical, site survey, water and tent shelters.

Campbell is just one of the many soldiers who will have interesting stories to tell after completing their tours of duty in the aftermath of the Northridge earthquake. I will never forget the destruction he showed me or the vivid image of a truck protruding from under a lopsided apartment building. It's enough to make anyone appreciate the power of Mother Nature--especially when she decides to have an earthquake!

Commander responds

Garrison commander addresses concerns from post community

By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander



Col. Gregory A. Renn

Once again, I am pleased to be able to respond to the questions and concerns of my fellow Presidians.

This month, Sgt. Herman Wright, Gloria Quinones, Staff Sgt. Jee Kim, and Staff Sgt. Charles Fraser all had questions about morale support, transition and quality of life activities for family members here on the Presidio.

Sgt. Wright, who with his family just arrived on New Year's Eve, wants to know what family recreation facilities are available, especially for teenagers.

Presidio families can enjoy many activities, including the use of two gymnasiums complete with exercise equipment, an indoor swimming pool, a beautiful golf course, bowling alley, movie theater, a yacht club located at Fort Baker (sailing lessons are available), and access to two lodges in Lake Tahoe (reserved through Outdoor Recreation).

For the teenager, we also offer an active Youth Services program, where one can enjoy youth effectiveness and job search skills training, swim team, bowling league, karate, ballet, Boy and Girl Scouting, or be entertained with the Youth Center's teen room, pool table, or wide-screen TV. For information, call the Youth Center at ***561-3535***.

The Religious Activities Center, Bldg. 682, also offers youth programs, including religious studies, handbell choir, and senior high fellowship meetings. The teen group meets weekly and recently went on a ski trip to Lake Tahoe. For more information, call **561-3535**.

Mrs. Quinones asked, "What can be done to boost the morale of family members as soldiers transition from the Presidio?" On our part, we can work to keep the Presidio's families informed on the future of the Presidio. We can also work to insure our military families receive the best possible service from all our activities, something to which they are absolutely entitled.

For your part, I ask that you remain active in this community. We still have activities that need volunteers to function properly, and we encourage parental participation in most of our youth programs.

Sgt. Kim asked "What is the best way for our remaining soldiers to prepare for transition?" Your best bet is to start at Army Community Services. They provide a variety of support services for transitioning soldiers, including financial planning assistance, relocation planning and preparation, stress management, world-wide locator service, lending closet, pre-move briefings, and access to the Relocation Automated Information System (RAIS). This system can tell you everything you want to know about your future assignment location.

For soldiers departing the service, don't forget to arrange your ACAP (Army Career and Alumni Program) briefings through the Civilian Personnel Office (CPO). These mandatory briefings can be scheduled as early as 180 days prior to your separation date.

Sgt. 1st Class Robinson asked "Why isn't the heat working in the Post Theater?" I'm happy to report our heating maintenance nightmare is over, and heat has been restored in the theater.

Finally, Staff Sgt. Fraser asked "Why are all the support places closing before the soldiers transition, i.e., the library, day care, etc? Those of us in college have to go downtown to use the library." Unfortunately, the Post Library closed in 1991 due to extremely low patronage. While many of us would love to see its return, current circumstances prevent it.

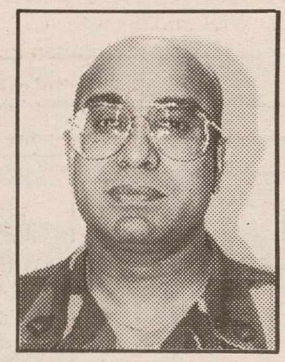
The day care center is scheduled to close its doors at the end of June, as that facility gets turned over to the National Park Service. We are hoping the National Park Service will resume the child care operation when they assume building ownership Oct. 1.

Let me say this about transition and closure: While we're still working to determine what services will remain after Oct. 1, we are deeply committed to keeping all present services and activities open and available to our military and their families until the point where we must prepare an activity for transfer to the Park Service or closure. Generally speaking, we anticipate these measures to take approximately three months (July through September), including property inventories and turn-in, records audits, etc. I assure you, our top concern is the welfare of our soldiers and their families.

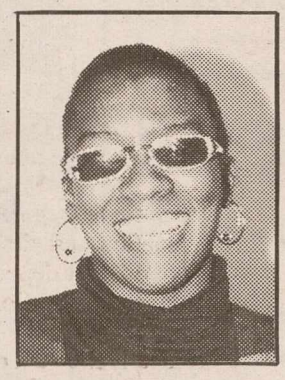
Thank you for expressing your concerns about the Presidio community. I hope I've answered your questions. I look forward to hearing from more Presidians in the future.

Ask Presidians

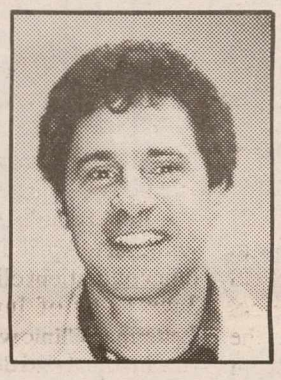
"What is your ideal dream vacation?"



Sgt. 1st Class Don N. Kurupu, Directorate of Information Management: "My dream vacation would be to spend a few weeks in Sri Lanka. The island's only about 200 miles long, but since there are no highways it takes a whole day to drive from one end to the other."



Penny Mims, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic: "I have two dream vacations. One is a cruise to the Virgin Islands and the other is an all expenses paid trip to Paris, with extra money to buy things."



Michael Royce, laboratory technician, LUSAHC: "My ideal dream vacation is a scuba diving trip to the South Pacific."

Spc. Monique Barnes, Protocol assistant/finance specialist, Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army: "I would take a four-week cruise to the South of France and then to the Carribean --especially Jamaica."

Cedric Jasmin, Protocol assistant, Hq. Sixth Army: "I'd like to go to Hawaii, all expenses paid, including some spending money. It's not a real vacation if you can't spend money the way you want to."

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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Tax Corner

IRS welcomes electronically filed tax returns

The Internal Revenue Service welcomes electronically filed and computer-filed federal tax returns.

Tax returns filed electronically or by computer-generated forms cut down processing time and allow refunds to be made faster, said IRS officials. Taxpayers who file using either method can receive their refunds in about three weeks as opposed to the normal eight weeks, added IRS officials.

In addition, IRS officials said they find fewer errors, like missing schedules and math mistakes, in these returns. Another point in favor of filing electronically is you can file a return early in the season and hold off paying taxes owed until the April 15 deadline.

Check your local area for an IRS-accepted preparer or transmission service and ask about filing services and costs. Remember, said IRS officials, you are responsible for everything in the tax return, whether you or the tax preparer filled out the forms.

An IRS-accepted electronic filer sends your tax return to the IRS. If the information is correct, the return is accepted and stored on tape.

At this point, Treasury Department finance centers electronically receive refund information and either send a refund check to the taxpayer or directly deposit the amount into the individual's financial institution, said IRS officials.

The IRS began accepting electronically filed tax returns on a trial basis in 1986, when 25,000 individuals used the service. It continues to gain in popularity, said IRS officials, as more than 12 million taxpayers took advantage of the option during last year's filing season.

Things to consider when using a tax preparer or filer include:

•Choose an individual or firm who will be available to answer questions concerning your return months, or even years, after filing.

•If you have a complex tax situation, consider hiring a certified public accountant.

•Stay away from a tax preparer who claims to be able to get you a larger tax refund than others can or one whose fees are based on a percentage of your refund.

•Make sure the preparer signs the return.

•Make sure you get a complete copy of the entire return.

•Never sign a blank form.

•Make sure you are completely satisfied before the tax return is filed because you are responsible for what is in it.

IRS also endorses computer assisted tax filing. Some 1040PC software programs print out a tax return answer sheet, generating lines only where there are answers, while other programs print out the entire 1040 form. Using a personal computer, IRS officials said, the tax return ends up as a three-column list that fits on one or two pages. After printing the return, you mail it to IRS.

Software and 1040PC forms are not available through the IRS, but can be found at most computer software stores.

Complete information is available on the two options by calling the IRS Tele-Tax service at toll-free **1-800-829-4477**. For electronic filing, ask for Topic 252 and Topic 251 for computer-filing.

Another tax filing initiative from IRS is TeleFile. IRS officials said some single residents in nine states who use the 1040EZ short form will receive TeleFile tax packages.

The way the program works is simple. Taxpayers call a toll-free number using a touch-tone telephone. They enter wages, interest and taxes withheld. While they are on the telephone, IRS figures the adjusted gross income and either the refund or taxes due. Taxpayers sign a form, mail it to IRS and receive a refund within three weeks. If they owe taxes, they have until the April 15 deadline to pay.

IRS officials said test sites include cities in Florida, Indiana, South Carolina, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Several other tax filing programs that will be tested this year include tax packages with payment vouchers to be sent to a different address, separate from the tax return and tax packages with computer-scannable payment vouchers. IRS officials said they will select about 30 million people to take part in these tests.

American Forces Information Service

Aetna clears up CHAMPUS confusion

By Lt. Col. Sandra L. Peterson
Special to the Star Presidian

Are you confused about how to obtain benefits under CHAMPUS Prime? If you are, you're not alone. The ongoing transfer of the CHAMPUS Prime contract from the Foundation Health Company to the Aetna Company has been confusing for many people. Here are several key factors that might help clear things up.

-- After Feb. 1, CHAMPUS Prime will be renamed TRICARE Prime.

-- Aetna is now establishing a network of local civilian physicians who can provide primary health care services to "CHAMPUS eligible beneficiaries."

-- Letterman's Pediatric Clinic will close April 1. Letterman's other outpatient clinics will close June 1. As of June 1, the new Letterman Clinic will provide routine medical and dental care only for active duty personnel.

-- If you are an active duty family member and have previously enrolled in CHAMPUS Prime with Letterman as your Primary Care Provider, you have two options: you may choose a civilian physician (Primary Care Manager, or PCM) from Aetna's network of physicians now, or you may continue to list Letterman as your PCM until April 1 for pediatrics and June 1 for adults. You must, however, select a civilian PCM prior to June 1. In either case, you may continue to use Letterman as long as services are available.

As retirees and dependents of retirees previously enrolled in CHAMPUS Prime with Letterman as your Primary Care Provider, you will need to select a civilian PCM by Tuesday. You may continue to use Letterman for services on a space available basis.

-- If you are a new enrollee to TRICARE, you must select a civilian PCM at the time of your enrollment. However, you may also continue to use Letterman as long as services are available.

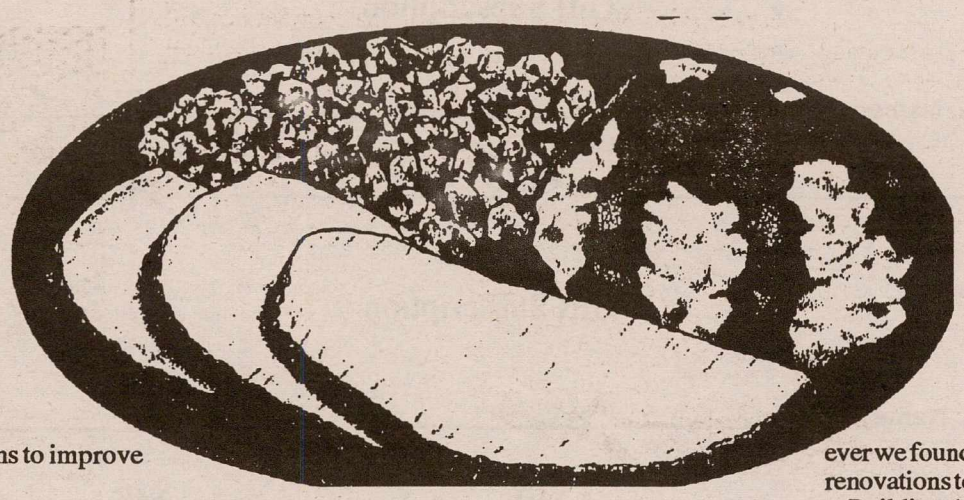
-- The benefits will remain the same with Aetna, but there will be a few changes in administrative procedures. Under Foundation Health, the network physician was called a Primary Care Provider (PCP). Under Aetna, the network physician will be called a PCM.

After Feb. 1, enrollment in TRICARE Prime can be done in two ways. If you visit the CHAMPUS Service Center in person, you can enroll immediately and you can receive your member card at that time. You can also enroll by mail if you wish to do so.

If you would like additional information about the TRICARE Prime Program, please call the Patient Service Center at **561-4509** or visit Room 215 at Letterman. You may also contact the CHAMPUS Service Center at **561-0650**. Please note that the entire CHAMPUS Service Center phone number must be dialed whether you are on or off post.

Dining facility council serves Presidians

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff



Members of the dining facility council serve as the voice of the command, the soldiers and the dining facility staff.

"This is the soldiers' most effective tool to make changes in the dining facility," said Staff Sgt. David L. Jackson III, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Headquarters Command Battalion Logistics Office (S-4). "We are a group of enlisted soldiers who represent the members of the command and talk about the problems with the dining facility and work through solutions to improve it."

There have been positive outcomes from the meetings, according to Jackson.

A soldier had complained about the salad bar and the lack of fruit. Because his opinion was voiced, the salad bar now stocks fruit. At one time, the dining facility no longer offered nuts, fudge and other topping for the ice cream. Because soldiers said they wanted those choices back, they're back.

Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend and make suggestions. Unit representatives keeps the soldiers and command informed.

"They get the information out by going out into the units and posting copies of the meeting's minutes in unit areas," Jackson added. "With feedback from the soldiers, we can offer a response to their suggestions."

These meetings work because the unit representatives, command representatives and dining facility staff members are all present.

"Soldiers have the chance to say what changes they would like in the dining facility, while the command and dining facility staff have the opportunity to respond. This way we can talk right to the guy who's running the ship."

"The council helps soldiers discuss their concerns and have them answered," said Spc. Tasha L. Macklin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company council representative. "It lets the soldiers know they aren't left out in the cold."

"The dining facility is a safety net for soldiers because it gives them access to three balanced meals a day," Jackson added. "The dining facility serves everyone, not just meal card holders. It is open to soldiers who receive separate rations and also open to civilians."

"The dining facility is important because it gives three balanced meals a day," Macklin said. "It's especially important for those soldiers who can't manage their money well enough to live on the economy. It offers meals at a good price and free for soldiers with meal cards."

Despite the positive effects of the dining facility, it is expected to close sometime in May, according to Jackson. There are several alternatives being researched.

"There are four or five different options we are considering at this time," said Jackson, whose office holds the overall responsibility of the dining facility. "We looked into adding a dining area to the barracks, however we found it not to be cost effective. It would take major renovations to the building."

Building 101, the Law Enforcement Company's barracks, was once a dining facility. Plans of reopening it are also being investigated. Burger King is scheduled to close and be destroyed. Converting it into a dining facility is another option. Using the Officers' Club or NCO Club are also alternatives, Jackson said.

"If another dining facility is not opened, all soldiers other than officers will receive rations not available," Jackson said. "We are studying the feasability of adding facilities to the barracks, whether it be microwave ovens or kitchen areas which allow soldiers to cook and prepare their own food." Soldiers may make suggestions at the meeting or to their unit representatives.

"I encourage everyone to attend the meetings," Jackson concluded. "Through the dining facility council soldiers will be able to improve the dining facility, and, in the future, help make the best decision for the soldiers."

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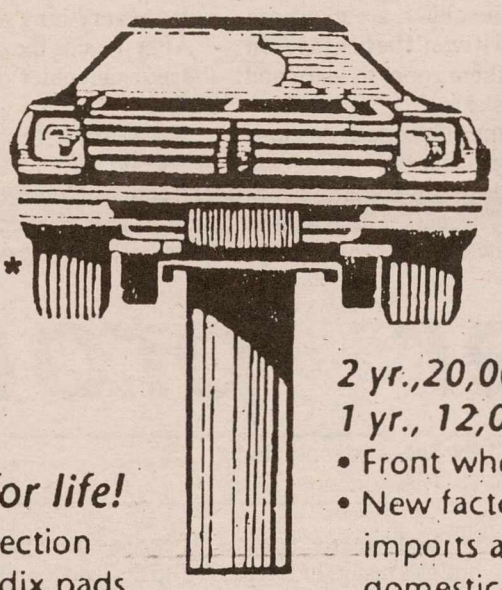

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Army Community Services Classes

Army Community Services conducts numerous classes to help you deal with stress, relationships, and more. The latest offering is the parenting class from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24.

All classes will be held at Army Community Service, Building 103B. For information, or to reserve your space, contact Karen Kaho at **561-5155**.

Swimming pool closure

The Presidio Pool, Building 1151, will be closed for routine maintenance and repairs, Jan. 23 through Feb. 5. We apologize for the inconvenience. For information, contact Cindy Agness, Customer Relations Specialist, Directorate of Public Works, at **561-3711**.

Child care providers needed

Do you want to be a home child care provider? The FCC program needs dedicated people. A challenging course of professional training in child development will be provided. If running your own business and taking care of children is appealing, then consider enrolling. Caring for other children in your home without certification is unauthorized! There will be an orientation briefing about the FCC program from 9 to 10 a.m., Feb. 1 at the Child Development Center. For information, call Mary Ann Gianquento at **561-6372**.

Bicycle safety checkpoint

There will be a bicycle safety checkpoint at Lincoln & Armisted tomorrow. Military police will be on hand to answer questions and distribute safety information.

Retiree Open House

The Presidio is hosting a Retiree Open House, Feb. 12. The day begins at 9 a.m. in the Post Theater with briefings, and then moves to the Officers' Club, with activities ending at 2 p.m. Gary Smith, Headquarters Department of the Army Retirement Services and the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUS) president, and Maj. Gen. Pennington (retired) will be present to answer questions. There will also be representatives of many other retiree organizations. Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will sponsor a mini health fair. The ID Card Section, Building. 86, will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to retirees and their family members. No appointments will be made for ID cards; cards will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Boss' Night planned

Boss' Night is 4:30 p.m., Feb. 4 at the Golden Gate Community Club. Come out and enjoy good fellowship, dancing and fun.

Olmsted Scholarship award

The Olmsted Scholarship Award is given to three outstanding officers each year by the Olmsted Foundation for two years of graduated study abroad in a non-English speaking university. General officer recommendation is required for each applicant and must accompany the application packet. Individuals must meet eligibility criteria in accordance with AR 621-7, and submit applications directly to their career branch. The DA nomination board will convene in February to consider packets and the Olmsted Foundation will make the final selection in April. For information, call Maj. Mike Koplin at **561-4967**.

Thrift Shop News

The next Presidio Thrift Shop Flea Market will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 5 in the parking lot in front of Building 204. A valid "unlimited" military identification card is required to rent vendor space. No reservations are needed. The Thrift Shop will be open for sales to the general public that day from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For information, phone **922-3384**.

Job Search Workshop

The Job Resource Center presents a "Job Search Overview" workshop, conducted by the Fort Ord Job Assistance Center, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Feb. 3, at the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37. This workshop will teach you how to plan your job search, networking, where the jobs are, and prior planning for job transitioning. Call **561-2554** for reservations. Administrative leave for this workshop may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor.

Scheduled water outages

Bay Pacific Pipeline has been contracted to work on the Presidio main water distribution system, which will result in increased water

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Commander faces next challenge

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

After 18 months, Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness passed the Headquarters Command Battalion colors along with his command in a change of command ceremony held on the main parade field Jan. 20.

"It was one of my goals to become a battalion commander," the infantryman said. "I just jumped in with both feet. I wanted to establish positive leadership, put out the goals and have everyone work together to achieve those goals."

Agness said he had two main goals when he took over the command position.

""I wanted to train to standard and establish teamwork," he said. "I feel we've accomplished those goals through some changes. First, we revamped the PT program and focused more on training to the standard. Each unit has improved both their PT programs and unit training programs."

Agness, who has a bachelors' degree in physical education, is beyond physically fit. The 5' 11" fitness enthusiast challenged soldiers to beat him in a five mile race. Few did, but those who could out run the muscular officer were awarded certificates of achievement. Agness set the example for soldiers to follow by scoring 300 on his PT tests.

"I think you can tell the changes have been successful by the overall attitude of the soldiers," Agness added. "The soldiers accomplish their day to day mission just fine without complaining. Soldiers have grown and attitudes have changed between the companies. They're competitive on the softball field but get a long during duty hours. Everyone is working as a team."

Besides all these positive changes, the battalion had accomplished several missions during Agness' reign.

Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, supported the Navy in a sea-born mission to San Clemente Island. They completed 10 major construction projects while they were deployed in September 1992.

The Transition Point inactivated March 1, 1993, after serving transitioning soldiers for four years. Before their inactivation, they posted one of the most error-free units in Forces Command.

Company C inactivated July 15, 1993.

"Anyone who has been in a TO&E unit knows how much equipment must be transferred," Col. Gregory A. Renn, Garrison commander, said. "They completed a model inactivation."

The battalion moved from Fort Scott to main post as part of the Presidio's downsizing. The Law Enforcement Company moved to main post first, followed by the Headquarters and Headquarters Company and battalion headquarters.

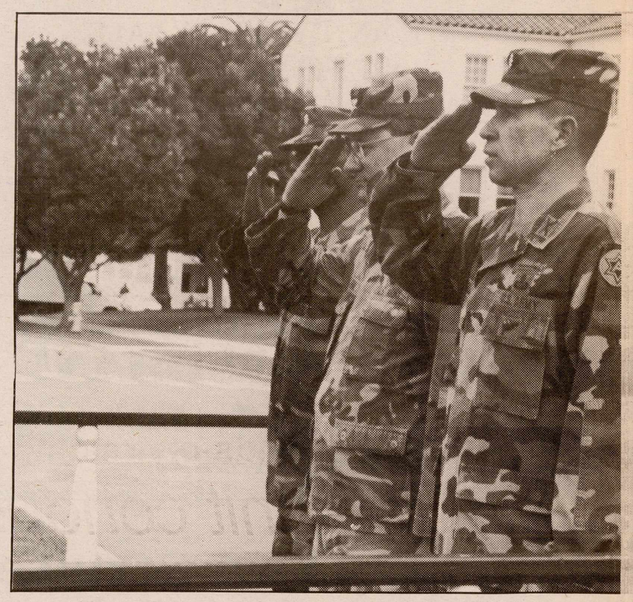
"Soldiers completely renovated some buildings and improved others," Renn continued.

"The battalion accomplished all this and still did PT three days a week, more than 400 funerals a year, and each company conducted training," Agness said. "So we had a pretty full plate considering all the missions we had to accomplish."

"Lt. Col. Agness is a superb leader. He is always focused on the mission and taking care of soldiers and their families," Renn said at the ceremony. "He has been a coach and a mentor for these great soldiers."

"It has been a team effort from the soldiers and the chain of command," Agness said. "Soldiers changes have been popular for some reason. It makes you feel good when you see soldiers' moral ethics and attitude change for the better.

"I think that's a combination of the improvements in the units and the soldiers' chain of command and first sergeants. All soldiers in the battalion have a good, solid chain of command," he added. "Everyone really cares for the soldiers. There is an environment that the soldiers are allowed to make mistakes and it won't be held against them. This gives them room to learn and grow from their mistakes."



Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness salutes during the National Anthem during ceremony on the Presidio Main parade Field Jan. 20.

Spc. Adrienne Story

his change of command

After accomplishing these goals, Agness will begin working to his next major goal.

"My next goal is to get my son an appointment to West Point," he said. "This is what he wants and, we [Agness and his wife Cindy] will do everything we can to help him."

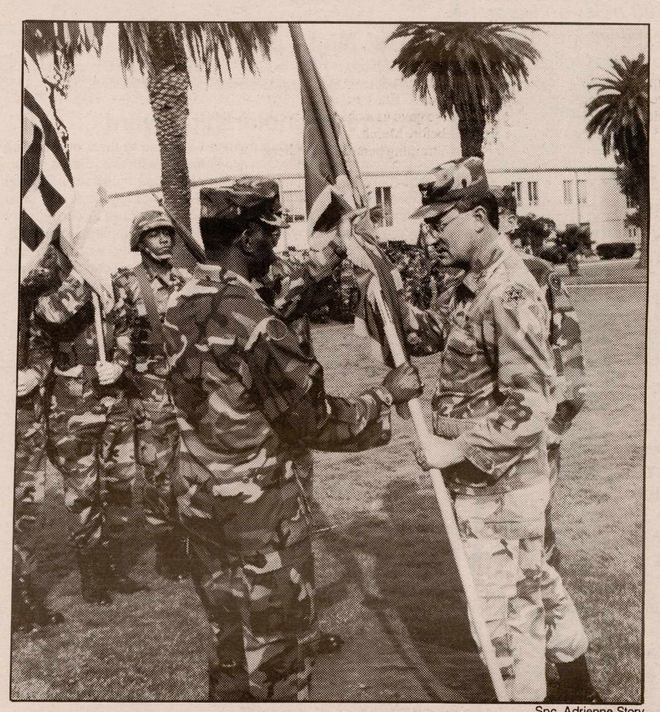
After passing the colors, Agness became the assistant chief of staff for Sixth U.S. Army.

"I gave myself Friday off as my last official action," Agness said thinking about the golf course. However, he didn't have much time to rest. Agness started his new job Monday just a few days after the change of

mmand.

"It's been great being the commander. I had ot of fun," he concluded. "There's nothing as od as being a commander, but I'm ready to ove on to my next assignment. You always el like nothing can beat your previous as- gnment but your career is a series of accom- ishments and challenges and it is time to ove on to the next challenge."

New commander 'proud to serve'



Spc. Adrienne Story

Col. Gregory A. Renn, garrison commander, passes the Headquarters Command Battalion colors to Maj. Lindsey Smith, who took command Jan. 20.

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

The former executive officer has been proud to serve, and as a result, he has moved up the ladder and been chosen to command the Headquarters Command Battalion.

Maj. Lindsey A. Smith took command of the troops after a change of command ceremony held on the main parade field Jan. 20.

"I never thought it would happen. Majors normally hold staff positions at different levels in the Army, and I feel very proud that I have been chosen at the rank of major," Smith said. "I am very fortunate to have been selected to take command of the Headquarters Command Battalion.

"Ask any officer on post or in the Army, 'What is the best job in the Army?' and they will all tell you, 'To command.' So I am very grateful that Lt. Gen. [Glynn C.] Mallory and Col. [Gregory A.] Renn have the trust and confidence in me to select me for command," he continued. "This is a special honor and an opportunity of a life time. And I thank God for it."

The 40-year-old officer has many challenges to face as the new battalion commander and the up-coming closure of the Presidio.

"My primary objectives will be to guide the battalion toward closure in September this year and transition to Sixth U.S. Army as the National Park Service officially takes over the Presidio," he said. "This will not be an easy task, and I know it. So we will have to orchestrate our transition as we continue to do our routine missions, training our soldiers, and provide service and support to the Presidio.

"This will require our best efforts by all our soldiers," Smith added. "It will tough and a challenge, but we will do it."

The slightly gray haired gentleman is prepared for the challenges he faces as the battalion commander because of his prior experiences in the Army.

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of his experiences serving with Lt. Col. . Agness, former battalion commander, Smith intend to make many changes.

command does not mean making a lot of - we are going to continue the mission," the officer said. "We will continue to march in the ection prior to me taking command and plan ugh ahead so we can adjust to any unexpected

We will keep our sleeves rolled up for the tough job ahead."

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especially proud of our soldiers throughout the that make up the Headquarters Command " Smith continued. "They are intelligent, talented hardworking and disciplined. Seeing es when they were formed up during the f command would make any commander proud These soldiers are some of America's best. is an historic moment and a great part of mili- " Smith said about the change of command. forward to the challenges and I'm proud

Spc. Jerome Rogan orients his map.

Staff Sgt. Vernon Fowler plots a point on his map.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Hands-on training

Unit conducts realistic training

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Clad in sweat soaked Battle Dress Uniforms, combat boots and soft caps, carrying protractors and maps, Headquarters and Headquarters Company soldiers raced through the land navigation course as a team.

In 59 minutes the first team completed the 5.5 mile orienteering course, and each team member completed four tasks during the HHC training Jan. 19.

"There were six teams made up of five to six soldiers," said training NCOIC Staff Sgt. Richard Wilken. "The soldiers were given grid coordinates and had to plot their points before they started the course. At each point there was a station set up and each team member was given tasks."

The tasks consisted of identifying colors on the map and what they represent, determining an azimuth, grid coordinates and straight line distance.

"The focus of the training was for cardiorespitory fitness, soldier team development and common task practice. Soldiers learned a lot from the training," said 1st Sgt. Richard L. Griego. "They learned soldier team development and familiarized themselves with some common tasks. They had to start and finish as a team so they learned to work together in small groups."

According to Wilken, the teams received points for the number of GOs on the tasks and for their place in finishing the course. The first team that finished earned five points, and so on. The last team did not receive any points.

"I think it went all right," the training NCO said. "Everyone seemed to like it. It gave the soldiers a break from their office and the classroom training. I feel hands-on training is more effective then the classroom training."

"It was a change from the normal PT and training. This training replaced PT for that day," Griego said. "Soldiers ran or ranged walked to find their points. They had to run in boots which they don't do very often. This type of training offered variety."

One of the reasons for this training was to prepare HHC soldiers for the Military Stakes in March, Wilken added.

"The Military Stakes is a program set up by the first sergeant in which soldiers will receive two weeks training, then the third week will be the competition for CTT," he said. "The orienteering course gave us a chance to work through any bugs before March."

Wilken said the training benefitted soldiers in several ways.

"It gave soldiers the opportunity to get out of the office, a good PT cardiovascular work out, it challenged them, made them more aware of the land navigation skills and it built team development," he said. "The main thing in the competition was that the teams had to finish as a group. It created more of a challenge and team work. Groups were divided evenly by slow and fast people to keep the team's ability at a close level. The soldiers learned to work as a team because they couldn't leave anyone behind."

"The soldiers loved it," Griego said. "We normally don't get many comments about the training, but we heard a lot of positive comments about this training."

The winners of the competition were: Staff Sgt. Vernon Fowler, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey McKellar, Staff Sgt. Jack Goodman, Sgt Ronald Lewis, Sgt. Abraham Camacho, and Sgt. Kenneth Phillips.

"We will have more training like this in the future," Griego said. "It offers a variety in the training which keeps the soldiers interested. It also gives them the opportunity to familarize themselves with soldiers common tasks."

"Although we work in an office and sit at a desk we still need to be trained on these tasks," Wilken concluded. "This type of training keeps us aware that we're still soldiers."

CFC finale

Maj. Gen. Robert Frix, Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Commanding General for Active Component, chats with Capt. Kathleen Bruyere, Chief of Staff for Naval Base San Francisco, at the Combined Federal Campaign finale. The charity drive finale took place Jan. 19 at the Palace of Fine Arts.

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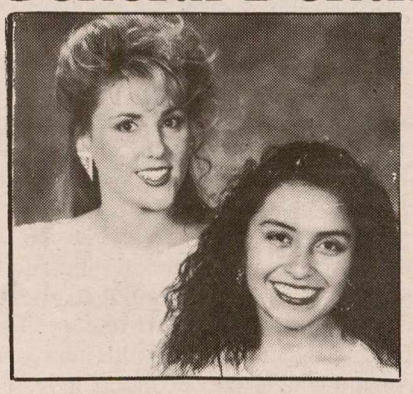

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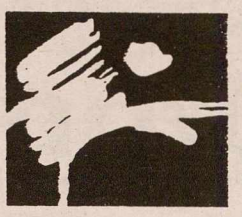

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CHAMPUS News

The Civilian Health And Medical Plan for the Uniformed Services has announced that it will share the cost of dialysis at free-standing (not located or associated with a hospital) or institution-affiliated kidney dialysis centers that are approved for payment under Medicare, as long as the dialysis is otherwise a benefit under CHAMPUS. The Defense Department regulation under which CHAMPUS operates is being amended to extend CHAMPUS-authorized provider status to kidney dialysis centers that are not hospital-based. Members of service families or providers of care who have had CHAMPUS claims denied for dialysis at free-standing centers should re-submit the denied claims to the appropriate CHAMPUS claims processor.

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Nat'l Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast takes place at 7 a.m. Thursday in the Presidio Officers' Club. Col. Willie Peacock, Sixth U.S. Army Chaplain, is the guest speaker. Attire is duty uniform. Everyone is invited to participate; the donation is $5.

SF 171 Workshop

Do you have questions about completing the SF 171? Attend the two-hour workshop on "Preparing Your SF 171," conducted by Ann Williams of the Presidio's Civilian Personnel Directorate.

The workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Feb. 9, at the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37. Call **561-2554** for reservations. Administrative leave for this workshop may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor.

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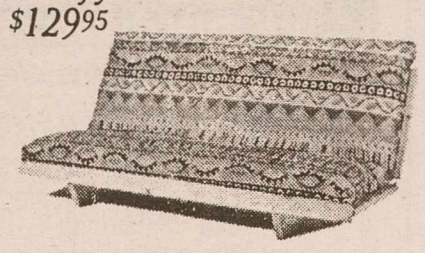
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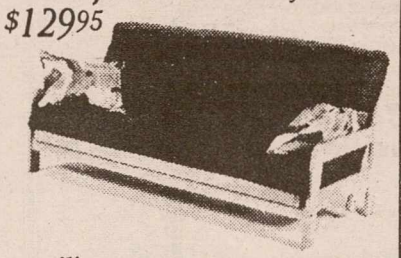
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CPO responds to Town Hall issue

Editor's Note: The following information was provided by the Civilian Personnel Directorate, in response to a Town Hall issue.

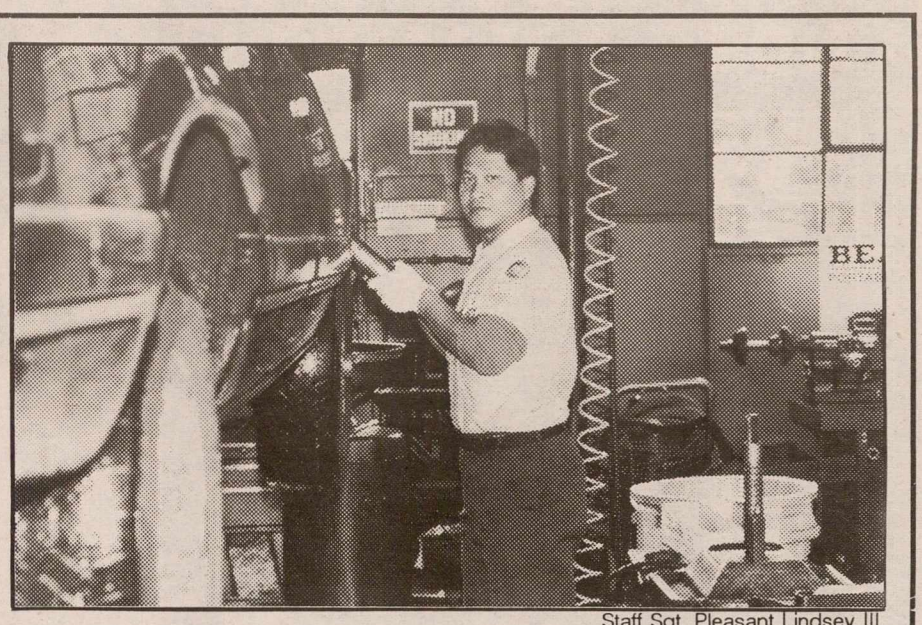
The Civilian Personnel Office has a copy of the Proposed Legislation on Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments. The proposal states that, "Two executive branch agencies, the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Legislative Branch previously received express statutory authority to offer separation incentives. Therefore, they are not covered by the provisions in Public Law 103-?? (number will be assigned when bill is passed), and these regulations dealing with incentive offers. However, DoD and CIA were made subject to the repayment provision in the law: an individual must repay an incentive if employed by an agency within two (2) years of receiving an incentive unless waived by Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or other authorized official."

Separation incentives may be offered to employees who voluntarily resign or take regular optional or voluntary early retirement. Employees who are involuntarily separated and take a discontinued service retirement, or who retire under the mandatory retirement provisions of the retirement law, are not eligible for an incentive. Employees who take an incentive are not eligible for the Alternate Form of Annuity (lump-sum payment with reduced annuity).

"An employee who receives separation pay on the basis of a separation occurring on or after the date of enactment of the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1993 and accepts employment with the Government of the United States within two years of the date of the separation on which payment of the separation pay is based shall be required to repay the entire amount of the separation pay to the defense agency that paid the separation pay."

The Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) criteria for waiving repayment of a separation payment incentive generally parallel those for waiving reduction in salary or retirement pay for reemployed annuitants in response to exceptional recruiting difficulty. If the employee will be reemployed in the same agency, the request for waiver must show that the recruiting need could not have been foreseen before the employee's separation. Public Law 103-?? gives agencies authority to control separations from critical or hard-to-fill positions.

An agency should not need to rehire employees to whom it pays separation incentives. OPM will approve waiver or repayment for reemployment in the same agency only in rare and unusual circumstances. The law authorizes waiver of repayment only for employment in exceptionally hard-to-fill positions. Therefore, any waiver approved by OPM will apply to a specific position, and the employee appointed to it may not be reassigned during the two-year period following separation unless the employee repays the separation incentive or OPM approves a new waiver.



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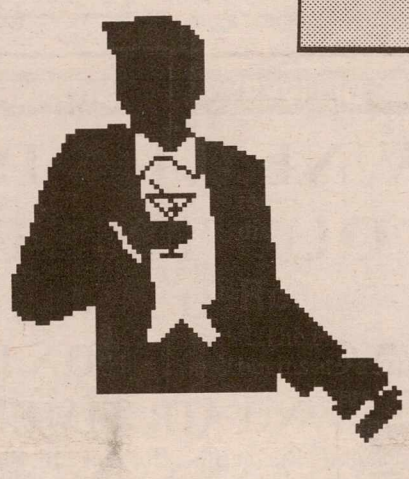

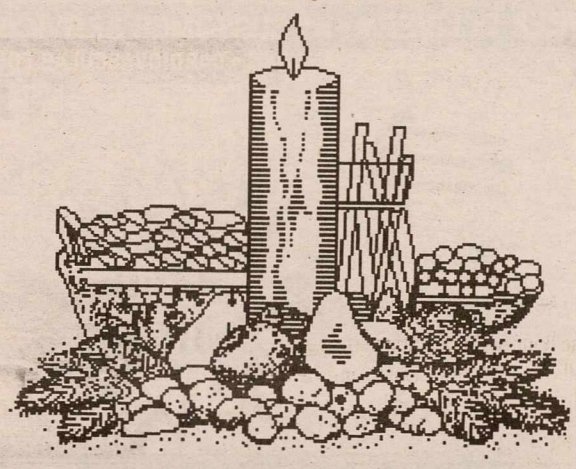

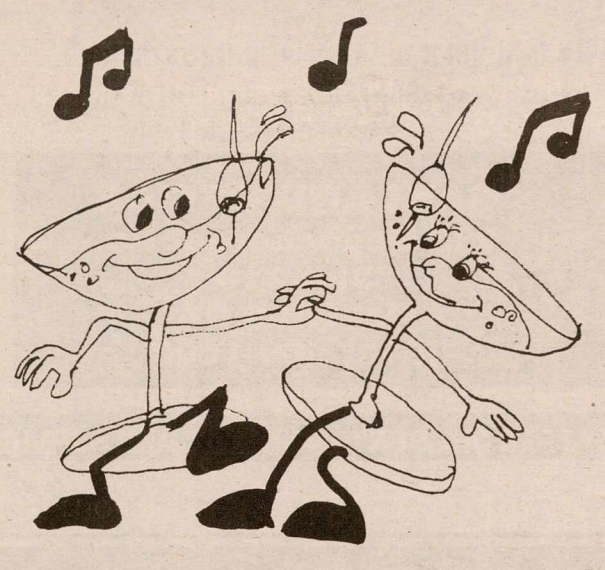

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The Presidio Swim Team won more than 160 ribbons while competing against the Millberry Union Swim Club Jan. 15 at the Presidio pool. Friends and family members watched as the Presidio's youth dominated 56 events.

Bryan Peterson and Jennifer Bokmeyer collected six 1st place ribbons each in the 13 to 14-year old age group and both won second place ribbons in the breast stroke relay to lead all swimmers.

Jonathan Bokmeyer also collected six 1st place ribbons plus a 3rd place ribbon in the breast stroke event for 11 to 12-year olds, Jessica Marek added six 1st place ribbons and one 3rd place in the backstroke for the same age group.

Swimmers ranged in age from 5 to 15, and swam in six age related categories. Swim events included the individual and medley freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke, and individual butterfly.

The Presidio team won 163 ribbons in this tough competition. The coaches and swimmers were pleased with the results. The coaches include Maj. Mike Koplin, 1st Lt. Chuck Kelso and Andrew Bokmeyer.

Preparations are under way for the next swim meet Feb. 28. We invite you to come and observe the competition.

We deeply appreciate the support of all who volunteered as timers, record keepers, and awards producers.

Following is a partial list of some of the ribbons won by the Presidio's swimmers.

Michael Deehl, 1st place (1), 2nd place (3); **Rebekah Koplin**, 1st (3); **Marisa Bowersox**, 1st (1), 2nd (3); **Chris Nolan**, 1st (4); **Jonathan Estrada**, 2nd (1), 3rd (1); **Candice Shino**, 2nd (4); **Veronica Marek**, 1st (2); **Robert Ewing**, 1st (2); **Rachel Murray** 1st (2); **Grant Davis**, 2nd (2); **Johnny Adkins**, 2nd (1); **Brandon Koplin**, 1st (5); **Jennifer Kasten**, 1st (3); **Joshua Dolinger**, 1st (4); **Daniel Dolinger**, 1st (5); **Rachel Miller**, 1st (4); **Jason Newell**, 2nd (3); **Caitlin Boehm**, 2nd (1), 3rd (1); **Nathin Chin**, 2nd (3); **Jeremy Beecher**, 2nd (3); **Colin Knutson**, one each 1st, 2nd, 3rd; **Jourdona LaFate**, 1st (2); **Brynna Murray**, 2nd (2), 3rd (2); **Phillip Ewing**, 1st (1); **Michelle Frix**, 1st (2); **Joel Dolinger**, 2nd (3); **Kristi Koplin**, one each 4th, 5th; and **Kenneth Estrada**, 2nd (1).

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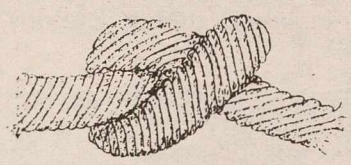

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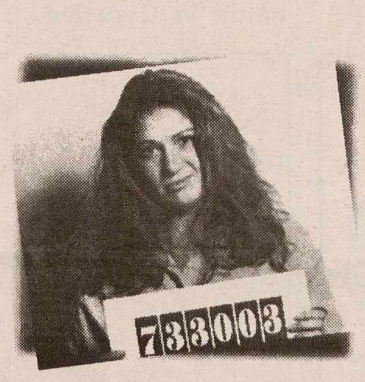

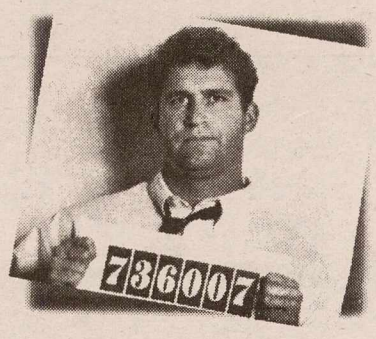

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Basketball team rocks the house

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Wayne Rogers sank three shots from 3-point range to help the Presidians take a commanding 45-30 first-half lead enroute to a 104-62 victory over Dominican Junior College Jan. 21 in Gym No. 1, Building 63. Gene Allen also pumped in 13 points in the first half and sank a 3-point bucket in the second half.

The next day the Presidians hosted a team from Fort Irwin, Calif., which engaged them in two hard-fought battles that weren't decided until the end.

The Fort Irwin team took command of the second half of the Jan. 22 game and managed to escape with a 79-71 victory.

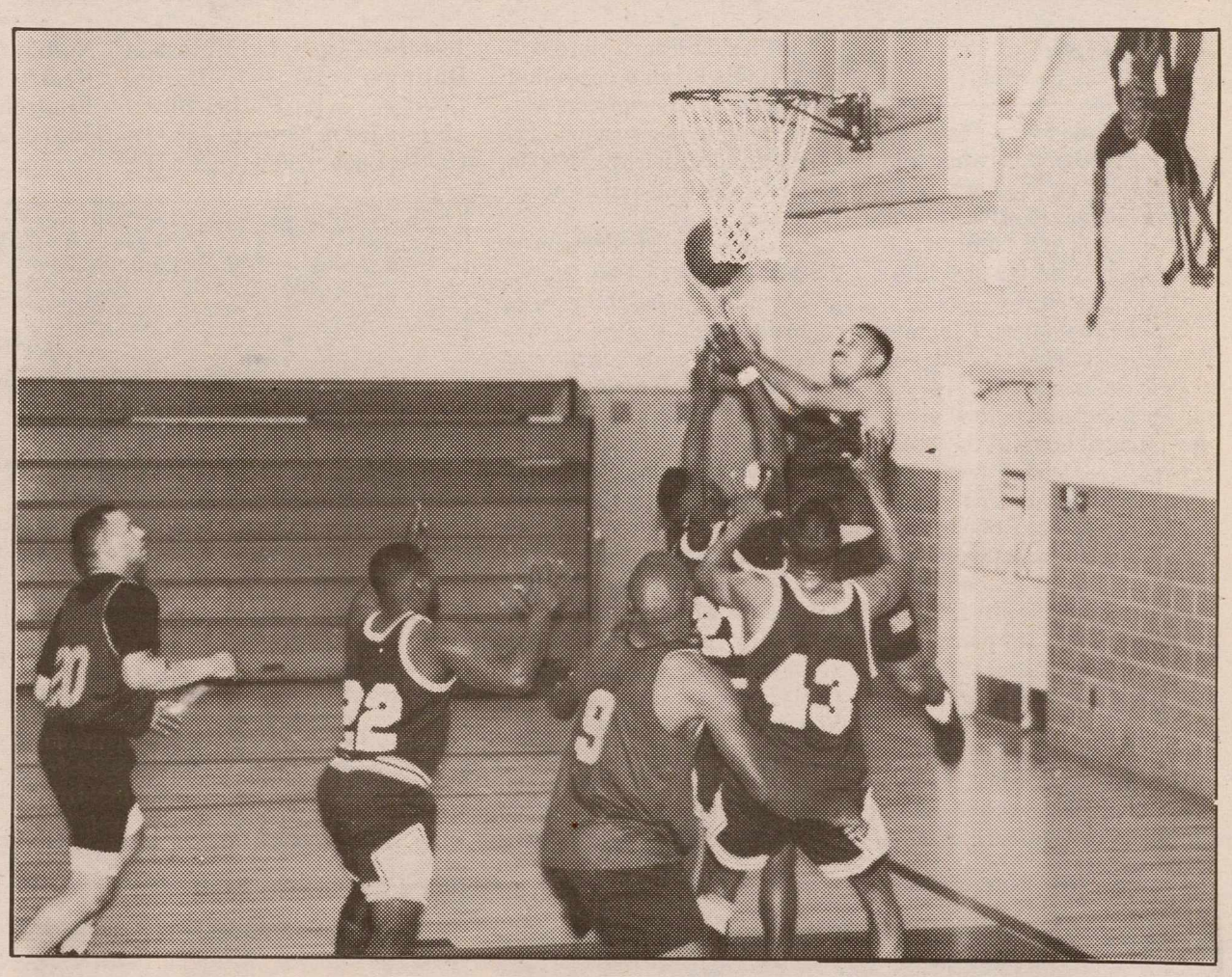
The Presidians spread out their shots in the low-scoring first half which ended with the team trailing by one point. Evans led the Presidians with eight first-half points. Tim Jansons and Gene Allen added five each to help the team keep the scoring close. The half ended with Fort Irwin leading, 34-33.

The Presidians had a chance to redeem themselves on Sunday, but the Fort Irwin team pulled out all the stops enroute to an 88-71 trouncing.

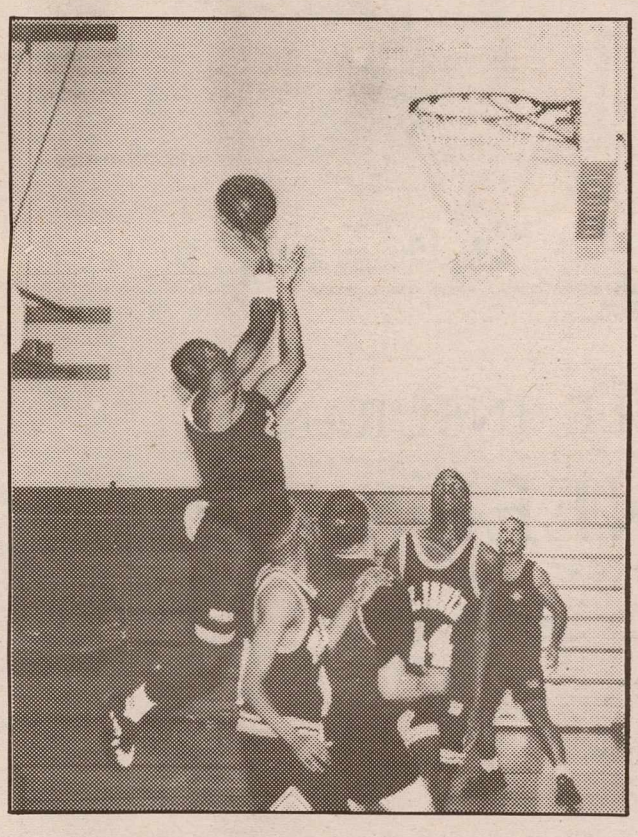
As a team, Fort Irwin tossed in 27 points from 3-point range. Five of those shots were scored in the second half.

At one point, the Presidians pulled to within four points, but Fort Irwin called time out with a 58-54 lead to stymie the Presidians late rally.

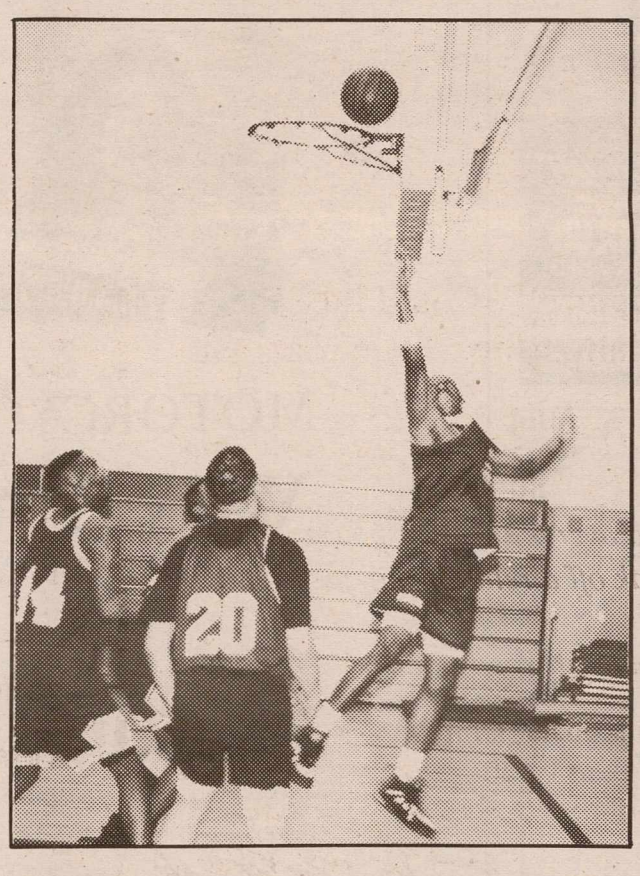
Wayne Rogers led the Presidians by scoring 10 points in the first half and 11 in the second. Gene Allen tried to even things with a couple of long-range baskets for six points. Jay Thomas scored 13 points, including eight from the field and five from the free throw line. Andre Clark went three for three from the line in the first half, but Fort Irwin ended the half with an 11-point lead.



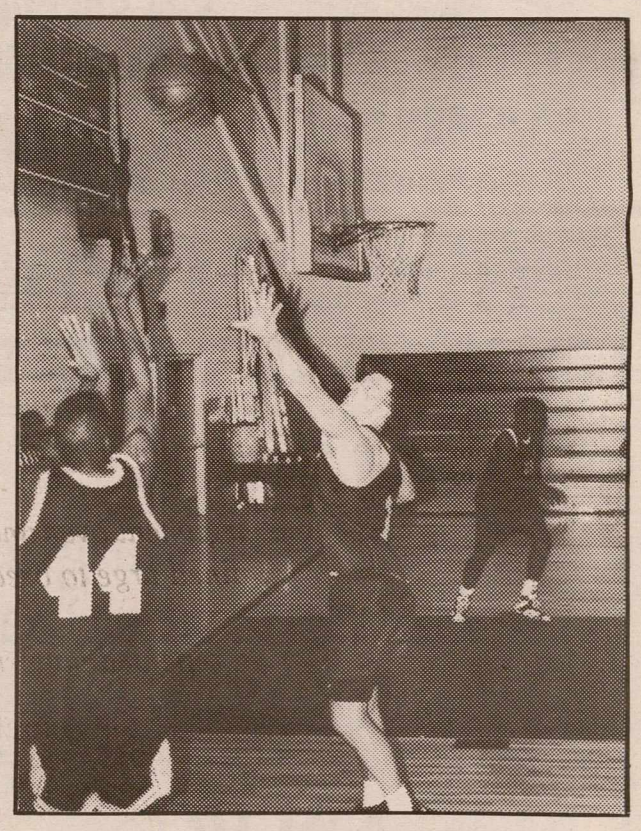
Wayne Rogers rises above two defenders to bounce in a reverse layup during Sunday's game in Gym No. 1.



Andre Clark grabs an offensive rebound and tries to connect on a short jump shot. However, it went in and out, so ...



Clark rebounds his own rebound and lays it in for the score.



The Presidians' Tim Jansons defends against a Fort Irwin player who's shot went wide of the hoop.

Halting a late rally by the Presidians, Fort Irwin's coach takes time out for a huddle to relax his players and protect a temporary 58-54 lead midway through the second half of Sunday's game.

Football heros

The Law Enforcement Company emerged victorious in the Intramural Football Tournament here. The proud gridiron warriors pose here with the fruits of their victory. Center: 1st Sgt. Delores Carter. Front row: Spc. John Williams, Spc. Christopher Dye, Spc. Richard Johnson, Staff Sgt. Stephen Hunzell. Middle row: Staff Sgt. Dexter McMichael, Sgt. Jose Reyes, Sgt. Richard Vater. Back row: Sgt. Sergio Banales, Sgt. John Evans and Pfc. Rodney Kocher.

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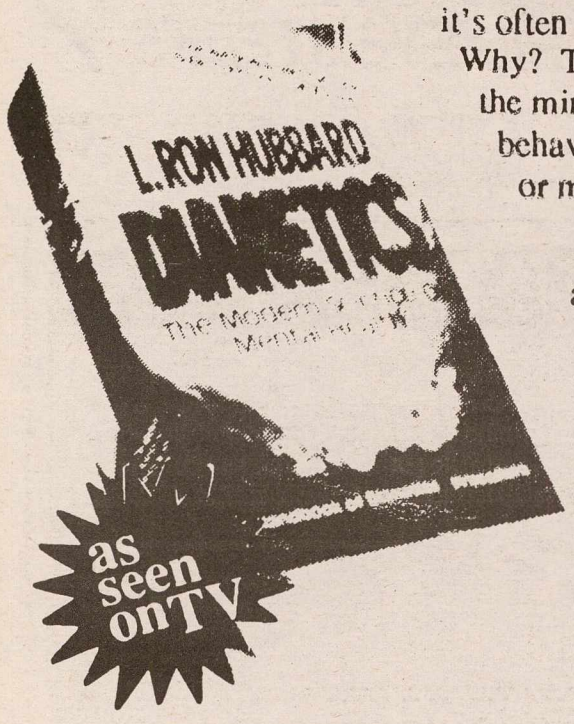

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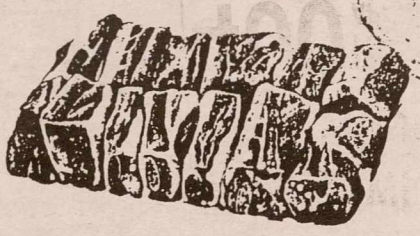

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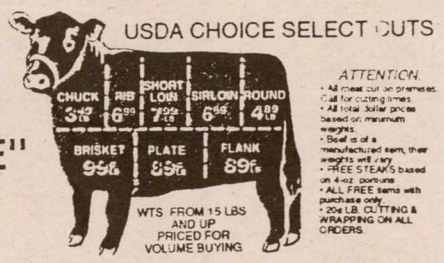

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Spc. Adrienne Story

Exchange manager bids farewell to post

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy presents a plaque to Karen Patrick, the former Presidio Main Exchange manager. The Noncommissioned officers on post wanted to show their appreciation for the work Patrick did to improve the exchange. Sixth U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Otto Copeland gave Patrick a framed photo of the Presidio with signatures of thanks from other noncommissioned officers. Sgt. Maj. Dennis McKay, Headquarters Command Battalion, gave Patrick a box of toner. However the box contained Presidio wine glasses instead. Patrick will work with the strategic business groups to assist in improving Army and Air Force Exchange systems.

"I've really enjoyed my time here at the Presidio," she said. "As you know it's never goodbye in the Army or with AAFES, it's always see ya later."

HHC soldier named post soldier of month

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

The soldier of the month performs a much more impressive juggling act than that of even the most famous clowns.

Spc. Dawn Wilken juggles a career, college, two children, Red Cross classes and working at the Post Chapel two days a week, and somehow found time to prepare for the Soldier of the Month board and win.

"I had a psychology class the night before the board. I was studying my CTT manual every chance I had -- during breaks and after class," Wilken said. "It's been difficult finding time to study, but I've been able to manage my time."

Despite her other obligations the Headquarters Company supply specialist does not feel she made any sacrifices to compete at the board.

"I squeezed in studying time when I had a free hour. I didn't take any time away from work or my family," Wilken said. "I don't feel I made any sacrifices because I learned information I needed to know anyway."

Before besting two other soldiers in the Presidio Soldier of the Month competition, Wilken earned the Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Headquarters Command Battalion soldier of the month titles.

Her next and near goal is to win the battalion Soldier of the Quarter board Feb. 15.

Wilken was recommended for the competition because her supervisor thought she set the example in her daily performance as a soldier."

"I thought she epitomized what a quality soldier should be," said Staff Sgt. David L. Jackson III, battalion S-4 noncommissioned

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Spc. Adrienne D. Story

Maj. Lindsey Smith, Headquarters Command Battalion commander, gives his first address to the troops at a reception following his change of command ceremony.

Letters: Our readers write

To the Editor, *Star Presidian*:

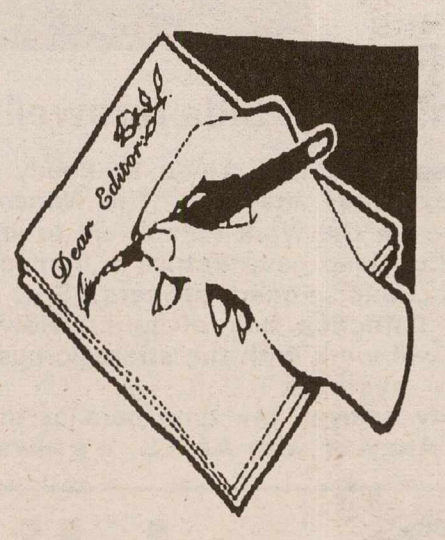
Reference your recent article concerning the inactivation of the Ceremonial Platoon: the article was a complete disservice to the soldiers of Sixth U.S. Army. The "put down" and implications that the Headquarters soldiers could not perform as well as others is an insult.

The majority of people know and recognize the superb contributions made by the Ceremonial Platoon; however, it is obvious that the platoon sergeant is not well-versed in the functions of a headquarters staff and not capable of giving credit to the efforts of others. Certainly there is truth that "practice makes perfect," and the Ceremonial Platoon needs to remember that they were doing their job just as the rest of the soldiers on this installation do theirs every day.

We realize that the Ceremonial Platoon will be sorely missed, but we are confident that the Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army soldiers will proudly and respectfully mirror the soldiers of the Ceremonial Platoon.

Born of War!

Sgt. 1st Class Art Carrillo



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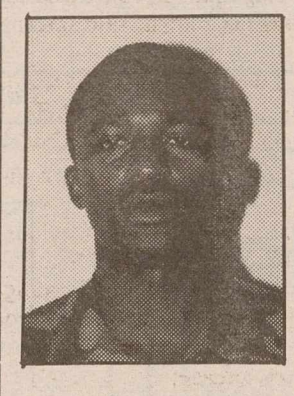
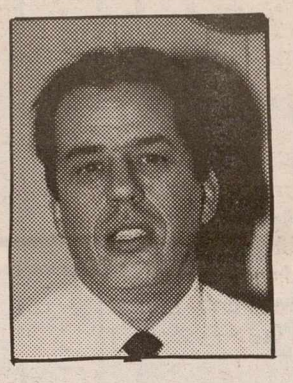
Ask Presidians

"What questions or concerns would you like to address with the Garrison Commander?"



Spc. James Bouknight, finance specialist, security office, Directorate of Information Management: "If there are too many children for the post's family care providers, will soldiers receive extra COLA to pay for the civilian day care?"

Rose Ann Pelzner, paralegal, Garrison Staff Judge Advocate: "What are the plans for the Sixth Army JAG office? What additional services will they assume with the closing of the garrison office? Will there be job opportunities for the garrison employees, and when will they know? If it is a money issue, when will funds be available?"



Sgt. 1st Class (ret.) Walter Rollo: "What activities, such as medical support, will be available for Sixth Army personnel and retirees when the Presidio closes as a military post."

Staff Sgt. Katherine Ricks, administrative assistant, Headquarters Command Battalion: "If the commissary should close, will we get a cost of living allowance to shop on the economy since the prices are much higher? Also, once the post is closed will we have to move?"

Spc. John Bosley, chaplains assistant, Main Post Chapel: "Where will the soldiers eat after the dining facility closes? What plans have been instituted, and will the soldiers receive separate rations or rations not available? When will the soldiers know this information?"

By Spc. Adrienne D. Story

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Tax Corner

Check W-4 -- Don't pay too much

Check your withholding statement if you owed too much tax when you filed your tax return, said Internal Revenue Service officials.

Or if you feel your refund was too large and would rather have some of the money during the year, also check Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate." You may want to submit a new W-4 to your employer.

IRS officials said the W-4 helps determine the amount of taxes withheld from your check. Personal and financial changes, as well as tax laws, can affect your withholding.

Some changes that may prompt you to increase or decrease withholding are:

* Earned income increase or decrease;
* Nonwage income increase or decrease;
* Marriage or divorce;
* Buying a home; and
* A large medical expense.

IRS officials said there is no limit to the number of legitimate exemptions you may claim on Form W-4. However, if it exceeds 10, your employer must send the W-4 to IRS, which may ask you to justify each exemption.

Specific information on the withholding program and W-4 can be found in IRS Publications 505, *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*, and 919, *Is My Withholding Correct for 1994?* The local library or installation tax assistance office may have copies of these publications. Or for free copies, check with the Presidio's Tax Assistance Office. If they do not have the publication you need, call IRS toll free at **1-800-829-3676** or write to:

IRS
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Additional information on withholding is available by calling the IRS Tele-Tax line and asking for the prerecorded message on Form W-4. The toll free telephone number is **1-800-829-4477**. Another option, said IRS officials, is to call the local IRS office and ask the taxpayer education coordinator how to get a copy of the IRS video *Is Your Tax Withholding Correct? Form W-4.*

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Clip & Save: Tax Advisors, Phone Numbers

For assistance preparing your taxes, visit the Presidio Tax Center, in the basement of the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Office, or contact your unit tax advisor. Unit Tax Advisors are:

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Resource Center empowers workers

By Carolyn F. Thompson
Public Affairs Office

Many civilian and military employees are forced to look for new jobs because of the base closure. They deal with this change in different ways. Many just do nothing, or put off the whole ugly business until the last minute. Then there are the few that approach changing jobs or starting a new career as a challenge.

The Job Resource Center is offering a class on "Empowering Yourself," taught by Karen Kaho. The concepts of this class can be used not just to find a job, but throughout one's entire life.

Many civilians are in jobs that they do not like or the job is not what they really wanted in life. Many of us were side-tracked by life away from our goals, and before we realized it our goals were miles from us.

This class stresses the importance of taking control of our lives. Heading back, or in some cases heading toward, jobs doing something we really enjoy, learning to set priorities and time frames in our quest for jobs.

Many of us do not zero in on the jobs we want. Most do not really know what job they want. This class teaches the importance of looking at ourselves and doing the things in life that we want. We tend to take the safe road. We listen to family and friends, and sometimes never take the chance of going out and getting the job we want.

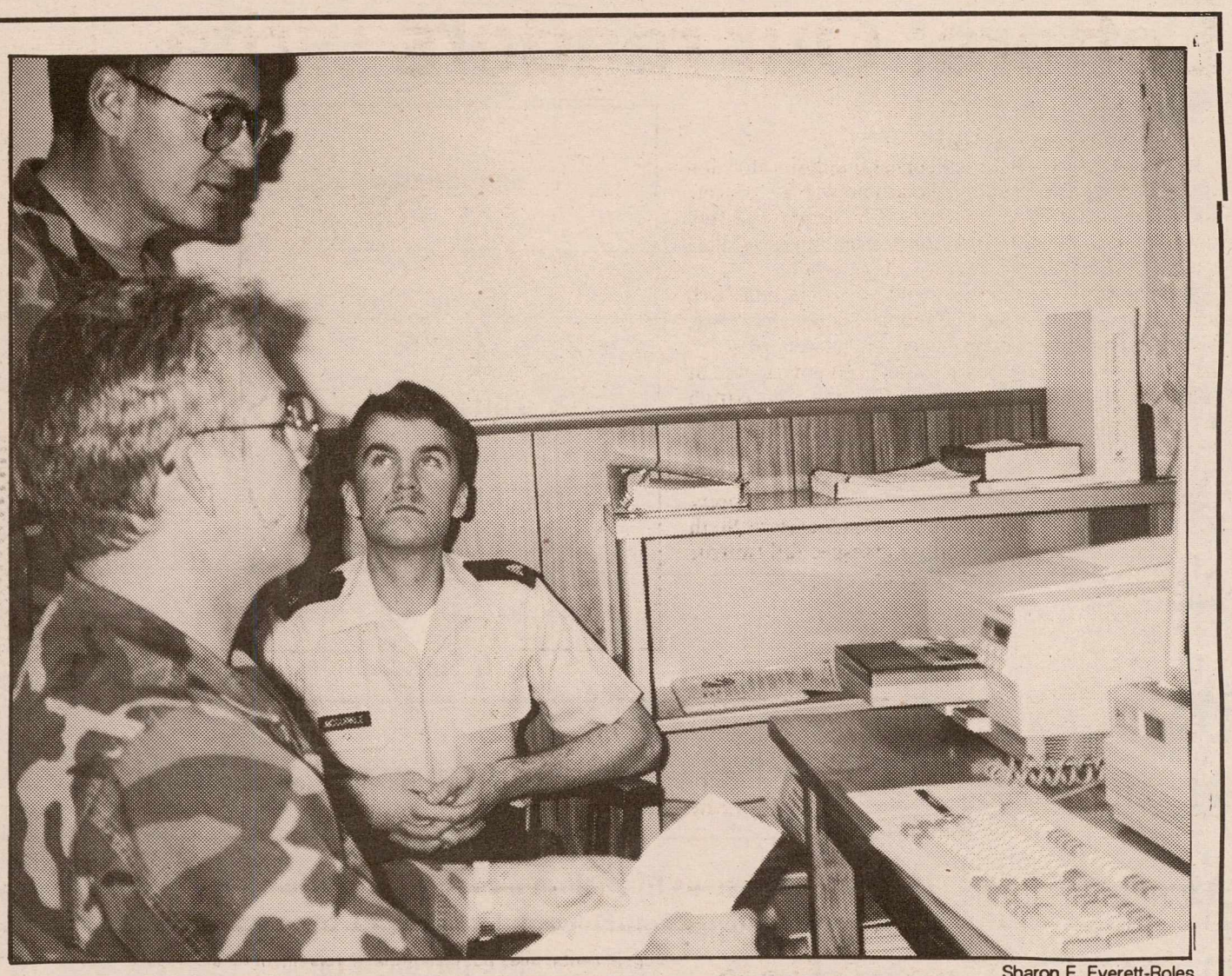
Kaho told of a friend who fixed sound stages. This friend's father was very upset and told him he would never amount to much. Now this man is worth a great deal of money because he went for what he wanted to do.

Kaho also told of a man who tried more than 1,500 times to find the right substance to use in his invention. His friends told him to give up, but the man replied, "Now I know what does not work." This man did not give up -- and now we have the light bulb.

The class also revealed the fact that many people let other things or people keep them from their dreams. We tend to attend to the needs of our mates or children. We think that our families cannot go on without us. When children become teenagers sometimes we need to just say "No, it is my time now to do the things in life I want to do."

Two black-and-white drawings were passed out in the class. The drawings contained two different pictures in them, but if the eye focused only on the white or the black, you could see just one picture. It is the same in life; we tend to focus on one thing, thereby missing many opportunities.

This class will help many Presidians see the challenge of finding new jobs and not just see the mountains in their way. If you need to empower yourself, call the Job Resource Center at **561-2554** and sign up for this class.



Sharon E. Everett-Roles

The Presidio Tax Center is open for business!

Sgt. Gary McCorkle, Sixth U.S. Army Band, was the first Presidian to use the Presidio Tax Center's Electronic Filing System. McCorkle is assisted by Sgt. Joseph MacMillan, Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Office, as Lt. Col Gregory Davis, DPCA, looks on. McCorkle's Form 1040EZ filing was a highlight of the Tax Center's opening ceremony.

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The minimum acceptable bid on the Southwind motor home is $4,000. The minimum bid on the 25-passenger bus is $2,000. The vehicles can be viewed at Outdoor Recreation Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sealed bids will be accepted at Outdoor Recreation until Feb. 16. All sealed bids will be opened Feb. 17, and the highest bidders over minimum will be contacted. Vehicles must be paid for and removed from Outdoor Recreation by Feb. 28. Vehicles are sold "as is." Bid sheets are available at Outdoor Recreation. This sale is open to DoD ID card holders only. For information, call Outdoor Recreation at **561-4324**.

Retiree Open House

The Presidio is hosting a Retiree Open House, Feb. 12. The day begins at 9 a.m. in the Post Theater with briefings, and then moves to the Officers' Club, with activities ending at 2 p.m. Gary Smith, HQDA Retirement Services and the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUS) president, and Maj. Gen. Pennington (retired) will be present to answer questions. There will also be representatives of many other retiree organizations. Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will sponsor a mini health fair. The ID Card Section, Bldg. 86, will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to retirees and their family members. No appointments will be made for ID cards; cards will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Boss' Night planned

Boss' Night is tonight, 4:30 p.m., at the Golden Gate Community Club. Come out and enjoy good fellowship, dancing and fun.

Thrift Shop News

The next Presidio Thrift Shop Flea Market is tomorrow, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the parking lot in front of Bldg. 204. A valid "unlimited" military ID card is required to rent vendor space. No reservations are needed. The Thrift Shop will be open for sales to the general public that day, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For information, phone 922-3384.

CHAMPUS News

CHAMPUS has announced that it will share the cost of dialysis at free-standing (not located or associated with a hospital) or institution-affiliated kidney dialysis centers that are approved for payment under Medicare, as long as the dialysis is otherwise a benefit under CHAMPUS.

The Defense Department regulation under which CHAMPUS operates is being amended to extend CHAMPUS-authorized provider status to kidney dialysis centers that are not hospital-based. Members of service families or providers of care who have had CHAMPUS claims denied for dialysis at free-standing centers should re-submit the denied claims to the appropriate CHAMPUS claims processor.

ASE Certification

If you are a soldier with two years of hands-on experience in auto/truck repair, collision repair or as an engine machinist, you are invited to contact a counselor at the Presidio Education Center and learn about Automotive Service Excellence certification. The certification tests, which also carry college credit, take place May 5-12, and must be ordered by Feb. 28. Soldiers in certain MOS's pay reduced fees. Please call **561-2974/4445** for information.

SF 171 Workshop

Do you have questions about completing the SF 171? Attend the two-hour workshop on "Preparing Your SF 171," conducted by Ann Williams of the Presidio's Civilian Personnel Directorate. The workshop takes place 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wednesday, at CPO, Bldg. 37. Call **561-2554** for reservations. Administrative leave for this workshop may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor.

Commissary closure

The Commissary will be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 22, in observance of the Feb. 21 President's Day holiday.

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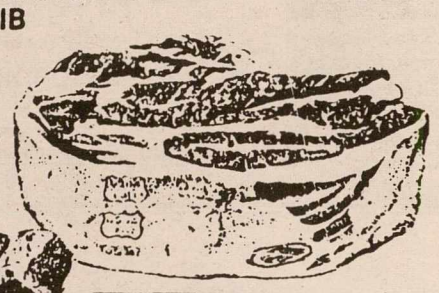

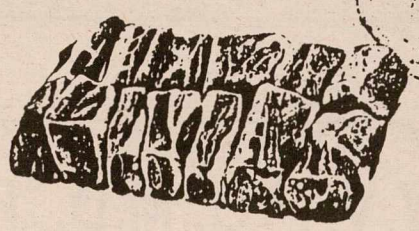

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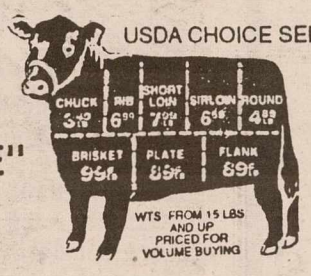

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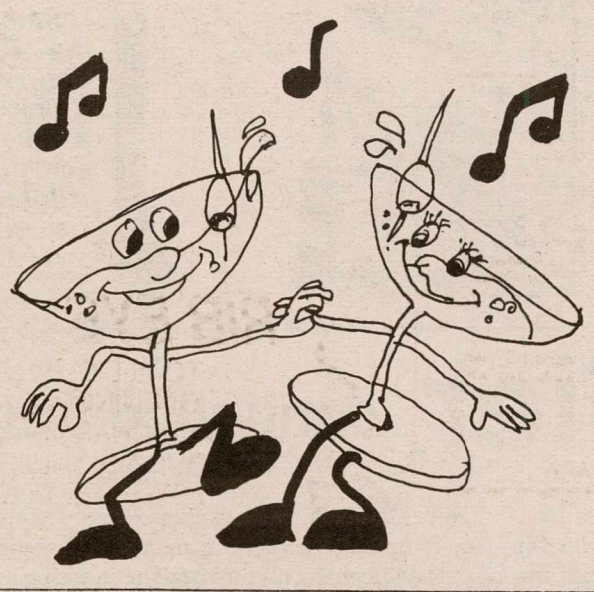

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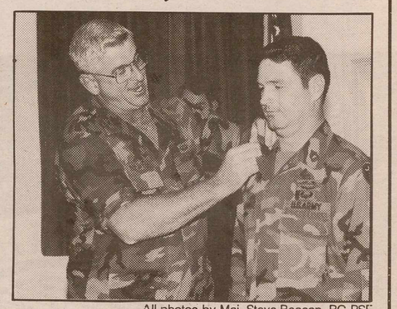
Readiness Group-PSF awards, kudos

Sgt. 1st Class Nelson Reyes receives an Army Commendation Medal, 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, from a previous assignment. The award was presented by Col. James W. Newell Jr., commander, RG-PSF.

Col. Newell displays the Army Civilian Service Pin he's presenting to Yvonne Stovall for 25 years of federal service.



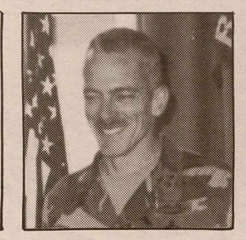
Robert Montgomery is promoted to Master Sgt. with help from Col. Newell and Montgomery's wife Debra Ann.

All photos by Maj. Steve Beacon, RG-PSF

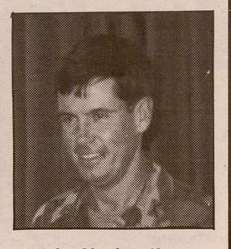
Maj. Robert Brown

Master Sgt. Romeo Del Rosario

Maj. Marla Mazur



Lt. Col. Gary Utterback



Maj. Charles Kuruc

Other RG-PSF members receiving awards in January include: Maj. Robert Brown and Master Sgt. Romeo Del Rosario, Meritorious Serivce Medals; and Lt. Col. Gary Utterback, Maj. Charles Kuruc and Maj. Marla Mazur, Physical Fitness Excellence badges.

More awards

DPW recognitions, January

CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARDS, INCLUDING $50 CHECK
Mark Boiser, Jr.
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Gary Gainey
Sam Gong
Charles Lynch
Charles Minster
James Newell
Muata Rasuli
Jose Saucedo
James Seaman
Kirk Thomas
Alonzo White

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS & PINS
Donald Abbott (20 years' service)
Ida Huntley (20 year's service)

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
Stanley Lunskis

PERFORMANCE AWARDS
Sonny L. Cubilo
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Sam Gong
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Ida Huntley
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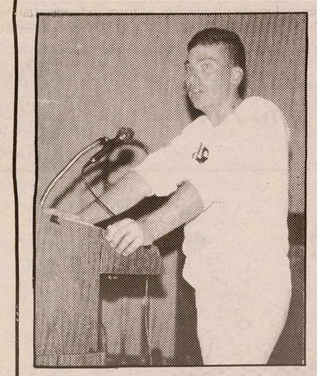
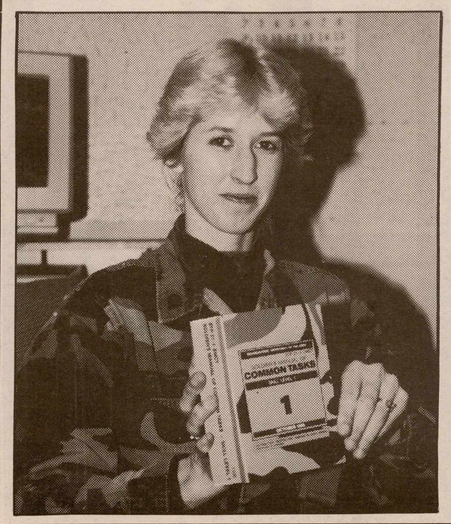


Presidio of San Franciso Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, Law Enforcement Company, reads the history of Sixth U.S. Army during the birthday celebration Jan. 25 in the Golden Gate Community Club, Building 135. The celebration, which began with a unit fun run, included a cake cut by the post's soldier of the year, Spc. Adrienne Story.
Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III



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officer in charge. "She takes initiative, possesses high leadership skills and has the desire to improve."

Although Jackson expressed confidence Wilken would walk away with the post title, she had a different point of view.

"I didn't know what to expect. I wasn't confident that I would win," the 25-year-old said in her shy voice. "I competed against a former post soldier of the month so I thought she would have the upper hand."

Wilken's preparation, military knowledge and bearing gave her the upper hand and the win.

"She did excellent on the board. She was prepared. We quizzed her here and her husband helped her at home," Jackson said. "She was a little shaky, but she regained her composure and that's what saw her through. As her supervisor, I am proud of her performance."

"I have to thank my husband for all his help and support. He doesn't always get recognized for his accomplishments as an NCO," Wilken said about her husband, Staff Sgt. Richard Wilken. "He has helped a lot of soldiers prepare for the boards especially in intersection, resection and identifying threat and friendly vehicles."

Aside from this honor, Wilken has accomplished several goals since she joined the military.

The 5-foot-5-inch soldier has earned an associates in art degree with an emphasis on psychology. Wilken has become a certified Emergency Medical Technician, earned three Army Achievement Medals, a Good Conduct Medal and a Driver's Badge since she has been at the Presidio.

"My greatest accomplishments are getting my associates degree and being accepted to 91C [practical nurse]," the slender blonde replied. "I've always wanted to be an RN. I'll get there eventually." Wilken will attend 91C training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas in August.

"In the future I want to attend air assault school, score a 300 on my PT test, become the honor graduate at the 91C course and eventually become an RN," she said with determination. "I plan to continue to compete at the boards when I become an NCO. It's really worthwhile especially after going to a new unit in a new field. You can show others what you can accomplish."

There's more than a probability that she will meet her goals.

Training

Local TSC explores cutting edge of high-tech electronic imaging

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

There's a new technology on the horizon that will enable training support organizations Army-wide to take photos, create presentations and record events, then send the results to any destination across common communication lines.

Here, employees of the Bay Area Training Support Center, Building 603, are evaluating this technology now.

"Training Support Centers are getting on the information highway. The technology is advancing rapidly," said Marilyn Roberts, TSC director. The TSC already reproduces many photographs taken with electronic and film cameras then prints the finished product on regular, bond paper through a Canon color printer.

Now there are two other systems being evaluated, one that focuses on animation and a new system that puts the post's TSC on the cutting edge of electronic reproduction.

The new system is called EMIC, the Electronic Multimedia Imaging Center. The system will allow the government's TSOs to transition from wet chemical reproduction to electronic imaging and photo reproduction, animation and virtual reality.

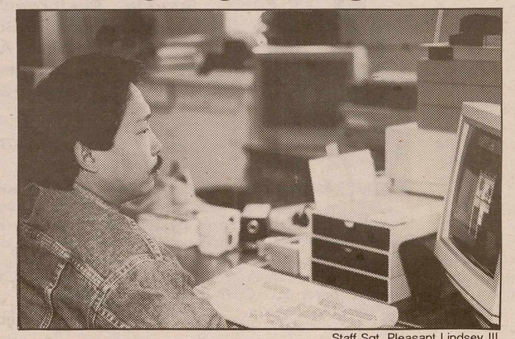
Imagine being able to create a still or video image on the battlefield with a combat camera and transmitting the picture across international communication lines to a visual information center.

The EMIC system points to the future of military Training Support Offices. Roberts said the DoD's TSOs will eventually move into virtual reality for training soldiers, allowing major commands to provide realistic simulations for their soldiers. She said the future in software will be CD-ROM, a compact disc filled with read only memory that even now can store an entire encyclopedia on one disc.

The future EMIC system will be highly flexible and can be tailored for specific uses. The equipment being evaluated here is just an example of the products currently available on the market that can be put together to form a viable EMIC system. The system works on IBM compatible machines as well as Macintosh systems, and can be used in conjunction with a network.

The EMIC that's being evaluated here includes a Kodak DCS 200 disc camera connected to a Nikon N8008s 35-millimeter camera. The Kodak records what the Nikon's lens sees.

These images are transferred from the camera system to an IBM compatible computer which contains one gigabyte (1 billion bytes) of memory. The computer system allows the photographer/operator to manipulate the photographs in a number of ways, including touching up blemishes, highlighting features or adding special effects. The post's TSC uses the Aldus Photostyle 2.0 software program.



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Rafael Tilnay designs a graphics presentation on one of the Bay Area Training Support Center's electronic imaging systems in Building 603.

The final reproduction is then sent to the color printer, an XL7700 digital continuous tone printer. The printer uses regular Kodak photograph paper.

"Full length Department of the Army photos cost $15 dollars per frame when using the chemical process," Roberts explained. "With the EMIC we can reproduce them for $2 apiece." That spells savings in any language.

In the future promotion board members will be able to pop the 3 1/2-inch disk into a computer, enlarge the soldier's photo and make a close examination of the soldier's uniform and general appearance. However, the technolgy still has a way to go before it reaches true photo quality reproduction.

"We're still testing. We're not quite happy with it yet," Robert said. "The EMIC doesn't reproduce the DA photos to the level required for board reviews, but it reproduces all other photos to an acceptible level."

If someone needs to have a head and shoulders photograph completed quickly, the EMIC can handle the assignment from taking the photo to reproducing the print in six minutes.

"It takes less than four minutes for the printer to reproduce the photograph," said photographer/operator Sam Park. As soon as the photo is taken, the subject can stand over the operator's shoulder, view his photo on the display monitor and decide what adjustments need to be made. Plus, the TSC operator can manipulate the camera by remote control so he won't have to leave the computer console.

"The whole key to TSC is the soldier. It is our job to make the soldier's life easier," Roberts said.

To that end the TSC is currently evaluating another system that includes an S-VHS camera and editor with sound connected to an IBM compatible computer to create animation programs. Roberts said the computer operator will be able to design programs for vehicle and aircraft recognition as well as survival programs that an individual soldier can use to hone his military knowledge and combat skill.

This system can also be used to create presentations. All of these creations can be stored on computer disks and shipped to different locations, stored for later use or sent over phone lines to other users.

Of course, the TSC provides a number of aids to help the customer deliver his presentation. The TSC has a projector that allows the user to project his presentation onto a 70 inch by 70-inch screen for audiences of 100 or more people.

The Canon system currently in use here includes an Imaging Processing Unit, a film scanner and a Canon Color Laser Copier 500. The Canon system allows the operator to view a number of images taken with an electronic camera before they are selected for reproduction. The finished product can be transferred from the computer to a montage camera that can process the result as regular slides.

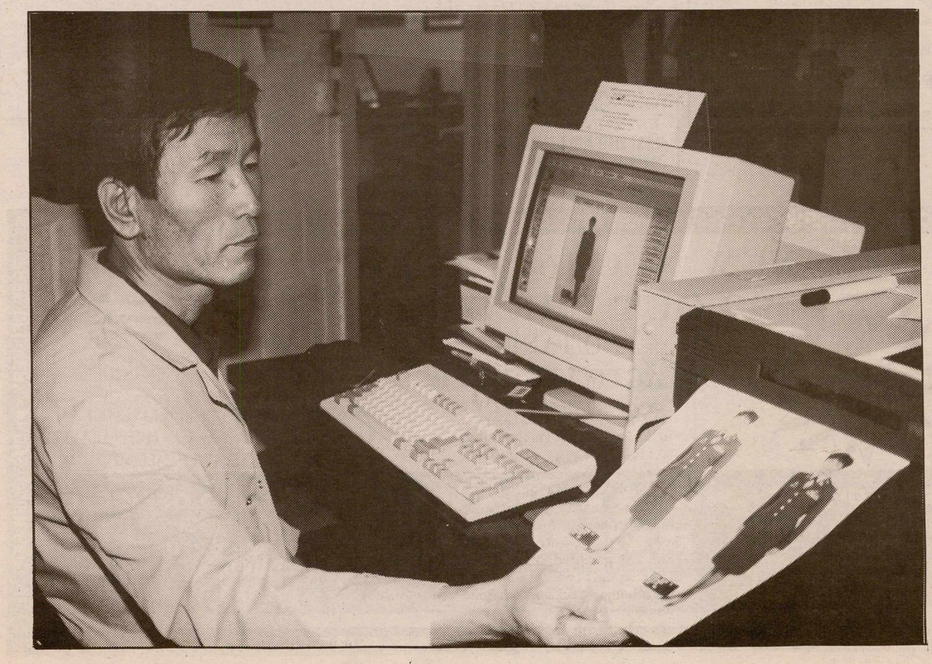
"An entire briefing can be produced, edited and completed on the spot," Roberts said. The images can be stored on disks, printed to paper or sent over phone lines to other locations. Many of the Star Presidian's photographs are printed with this system.

The Canon system prints photographs from regular, negative film and slides. It can reproduce black and white or color photos from color negatives, color negative photos for special effects, and transperencies for state-of-the-art viewgraphs.

"Ten years ago the graphics shop was using drafting tables," Roberts said. "Eventually the customer will be able to call his local TSC and download his images by phone."

The post's TSC maintains contact with the other 322 TSCs worldwide. Roberts has approximately 3,000 film titles here with access to 120,000 other titles throughout the system.

In the next couple of years everything will be created and reproduced electronically. The post's Training Support Center is heavily involved with the development of leading technology to provide quality service to its customers.



Sam Park examines a photograph that's just been printed by the Electronic Multimedia Imaging Center's Kodak XL 7700 digital continuous tone printer. The image was placed on the computer monitor where Park could adjust the size and examine the picture's tone and color balance before printing. A number of photographs can be stored on the computer for processing at a later date. From start to finish, a photo can be taken with the system's camera and completed in less than 15 minutes. It took the system only four minutes to print the photograph he's holding.
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quality management," and "statistical process control."

You should attend a seminar designed especially for directors, managers and officers in management positions. Ronald Stanley, Consultant, President and Director of Pathfinders Business Consulting Service will help you prepare for today's labor market challenges. The seminar takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 25, in the Command Conference Facility, Bldg. 35. Contact Ann Williams, Transition Coordinator, at **561-2598** for reservations or information.

KSA Class

Want tips on how to write KSAs (knowledge, skills and abilities)? Attend the Job Resource Center's two-hour workshop on "Preparing KSAs," 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 10 at Bldg. 37. For information or reservations, call **561-2554**. Administrative leave for this workshop may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor.

Leave donation request

Mr. Donald L. Abbott, an employee with the Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison, is experiencing a medical emergency. Mr. Abbott, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, at **561-3780**.

Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, numerous events are planned on the Presidio. These include: Black History Month books, films, and an art display at the Presidio Job Resource Center; an ethnic lunch special, Feb. 10, at the U.S. Army Garrison Consolidated Dining Facility ($1.85 for enlisted soldiers, $6.85 for officers and civilians), and; a Black History Arts and Crafts Fair at the Presidio Main Post Exchange, Feb. 14-28.

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Sunday - Beethoven's 2nd (PG-13)
Feb. 11 - Josh & Sam (PG-13)
Feb. 12 - Sister Act 2 (PG)
Feb. 13 - Batman: Mask of the Phantasm (PG)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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Park Service Job Openings

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is accepting applications for the following positions:

Maintenance Mechanic, WG-4749-09 (Temporary, six months). Announcement Number GOGA-94R-14. Closing date Feb. 10.

Facility Manager, GS-1640-12. Announcement Number GOGA-94-9. Closing date Feb. 10.

Contact the National Park Service, Personnel Division, Bldg. 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123 or phone **(415) 556-2035** for information.

Chinese New Year Run

The Chinese New Year Run 1994 begins at 8 a.m., Feb. 20. The 10-kilometer course goes through the heart of Chinatown to Fisherman's Wharf, past Fort Mason and the Marina Green toward the Golden Gate Bridge. There is a five-kilometer course for runners and walkers who would prefer to take life at a slower pace. Shuttle service is provided. For information, call the Chinatown YMCA at **(415) 982-4412**.

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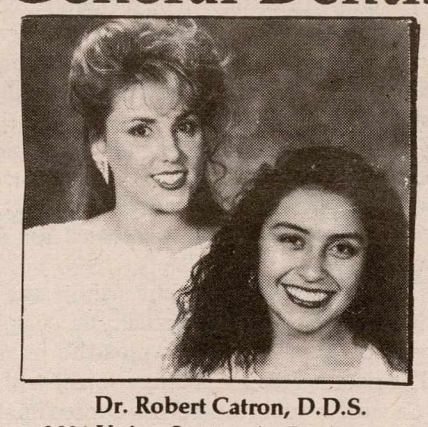

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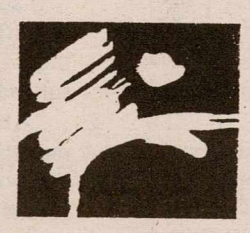

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DPW contracts, outages scheduled

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

I would like to introduce myself, Cindy Agness, as the new Customer Relations Specialist for the Director of Public Works. Many of you already know me from various other activities as I have lived on the installation with my husband, Wayne and son, Kevin for one and a half years.

In this time of transition, the Presidio as a military installation is undergoing numerous changes physically and mentally. Physically, all agencies are losing personnel, and mentally, it is hard to cope with the closing of such a historic, prestigious installation. However, the maintenance and repair demands are still present and need to be performed. Plus there are many contractors around who are "sprucing" the area up prior to transfer to the National Park Service. All of this makes for a very confusing atmosphere.

Here is the latest information on what's happening around post from a DPW point of view:

A power outage has been scheduled for the following quarters, 8 a.m. to noon today, to trim trees: 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 765, 767, 769.

Bay Pacific Pipeline has been contracted to work on the Presidio main water distribution system, which will result in increased water pressure and availability to the buildings. They will work in the Wherry Housing area until Feb. 11. Notices have been posted as to what areas are affected by a water outage. Outages should occur only on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. and should last no more than six hours. Information notices have already been posted in the housing area by the contractor. A second outage notice will be posted in the housing area three days prior to the actual shutdown of the system. This notice will specify the actual day or days that the water will be shut off.

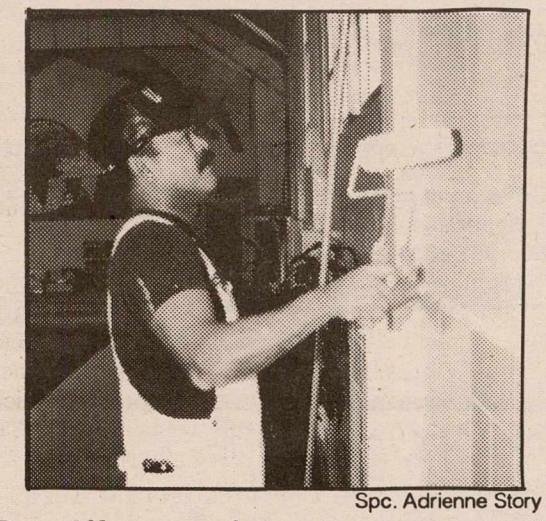
Starting Feb. 14 to Feb. 24, Bay Pacific Pipeline will work in the Fort Scott area to include the 900 area on Lincoln Boulevard, the 1200 and 1300 areas, Scott Hall and the Religious Activities Center. Initial information notices have been posted. Notices with more specific information and areas affected will be given to residents three days prior to the actual water outage.

Another contract has been issued to install new valves and fire hydrants. **This work will require water lines for the following buildings to be shut down from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m, Feb. 12:**
1 to 30, 33 to 42, 44 to 51, 53, 56 to 59, 62 to 68, 70, 85 to 87, 93, 95 to 109, 113, 116 to 130, 135, 201, 203 to 211, 218, 220, 222 to 223, 227 to 231, 249 to 250, 262, 264, 267 to 269, 274, 278, 280 to 286, 288 to 290, 325 to 345, 375 to 387, 510 to 514, 516 to 519, 530 to 559, 562 to 569, 572, 603, 605 to 606, 705, 715 to 734, 742 to 773, 777, 779 to 791, 805 to 806, 808 to 818, 820, 850 to 864, 1000 to 1009, 1012 to 1014, 1016, 1027 to 1030, 1040, 1047, 1050 to 1052, 1055 to 1058, 1060 to 1065, 1072, 1076, 1082, 1110 to 1111, 1147, 1150 to 1153, 1158, 1160 to 1163, 1167 to 1188, and the San Francisco National Cemetery.

The Presidio Pool, Building 1151, will be closed for routine maintenance and repairs through tomorrow.

What I would like from you is an open line of communication. Please keep me informed either directly, via your mayor or area coordinator, or dial **561-EYES** and leave a message of what transpires in your area -- both good and not so good -- that I might not see as I travel around. My responsibility is to keep you informed through your mayor or area coordinator, the *Star Presidian* and Weekly Bulletin of upcoming events and situations and to act as liaison between residents and the DPW.

It is my hope that by working together, we will maintain a happy, healthy environment on the Presidio of San Francisco in which to live, work and play. You may contact me at **561-3711.**



Spc. Adrienne Story

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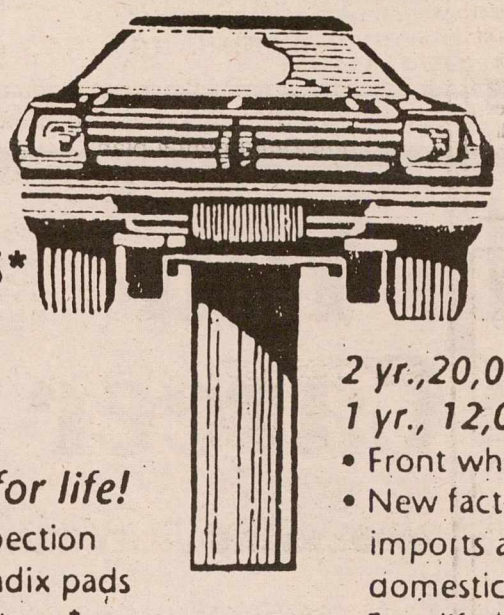

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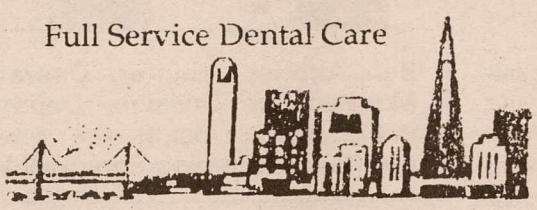

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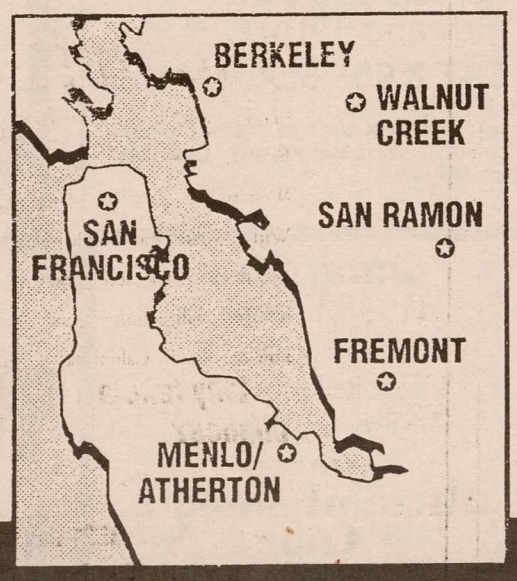

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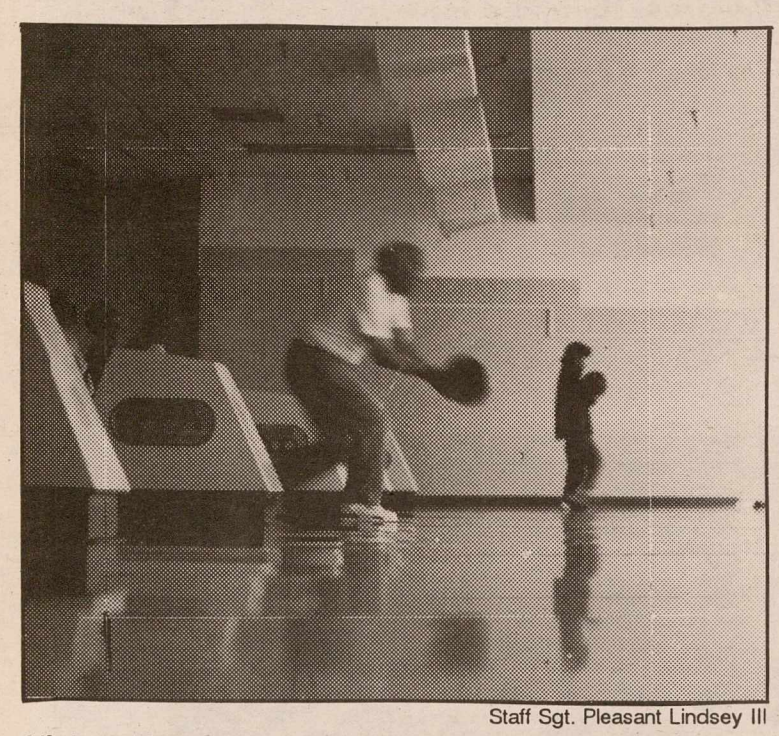
Bowling

Islanders maintain league lead



Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Hitting his stride, a Presidio bowler begins his release on the Presidio Bowiing Center's lanes.

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Joe Sakaria bowled a game of 202 points to help the Islanders maintain a half-point lead over Command Group going into week 18 of the '93-'94 Intramural Bowling League in the Presidio Bowling Center, Building 92.

Command Group's Forrest Holloway rolled 255, Barbara Bagley bowled 214 and 202 and Wayne Agness scored 207 to keep Command Group close in the standings.

Bagley's 214 was recorded as the second best high-game scratch for the women. Her 604 score was the best high series scratch. The score was also good enough for her to place third among the ladies in the high series handicap category, which is significant because her handicap is 0.

Readiness Group's Rick Camacho recorded a 258 score to help RG-PSF remain half a point ahead of the fifth-place Oddballs. The league's stars of the week include:

Women, high game scratch:
Kim Coons, RG-PSF, 221; Barbara Bagley, Command Group, 214; Milly Simmons, DOIM, 206.

High game handicap:
Milly Simmons, 259; Kim Coons, 252; Pam Allen, CRD, 237.

High series scratch:
Bagley, 604; Coons, 508; Simmons, 503.

High series handicap:
Simmons, 662; Allen, 621; Bagley, 604.

Men, high game scratch:
Forrest Holloway, Command Group, 259; Rick Camacho, RG-PSF, 258; Ed Pulanco, CG, 256.

High game handicap:
Camacho, 275; Holloway, 272; Pulanco, 272.

High series scratch:
Pulanco, 672; Holloway, 669; Rod Cabugos, Islanders, 651.

High series handicap:
Pulanco, 720; Holloway, 708; Tom Atoigue, Oddballs, 690.

Standings, after 51 games bowled (three games per player, total pins equals fourth game)

1. Islanders 42-26, 37,656
2. Command Group 41.5-26.5, 37,914
3. INS Inc. 41-27, 37,152
4. RG-PSF 33.5-34.5, 37,368
5. Oddballs 33-35, 37,137
6. CRD Sports 33-33 (45 games bowled), 32,361
7. High Rollers 24-24, 36,581
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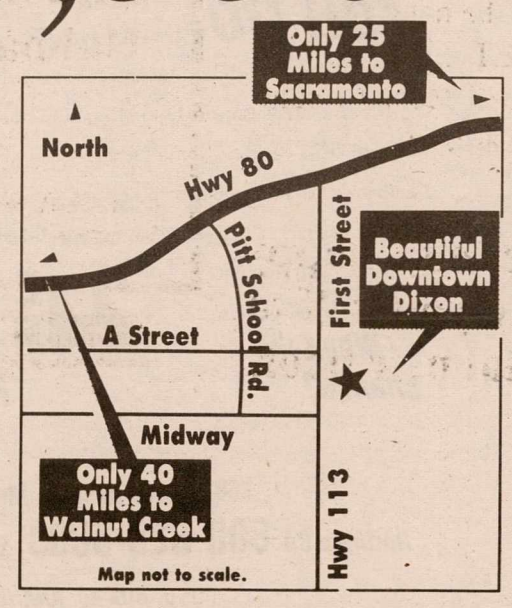

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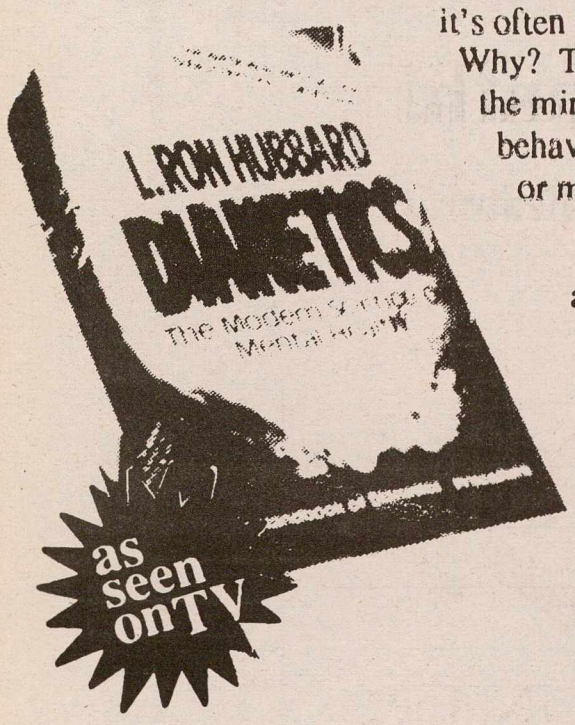

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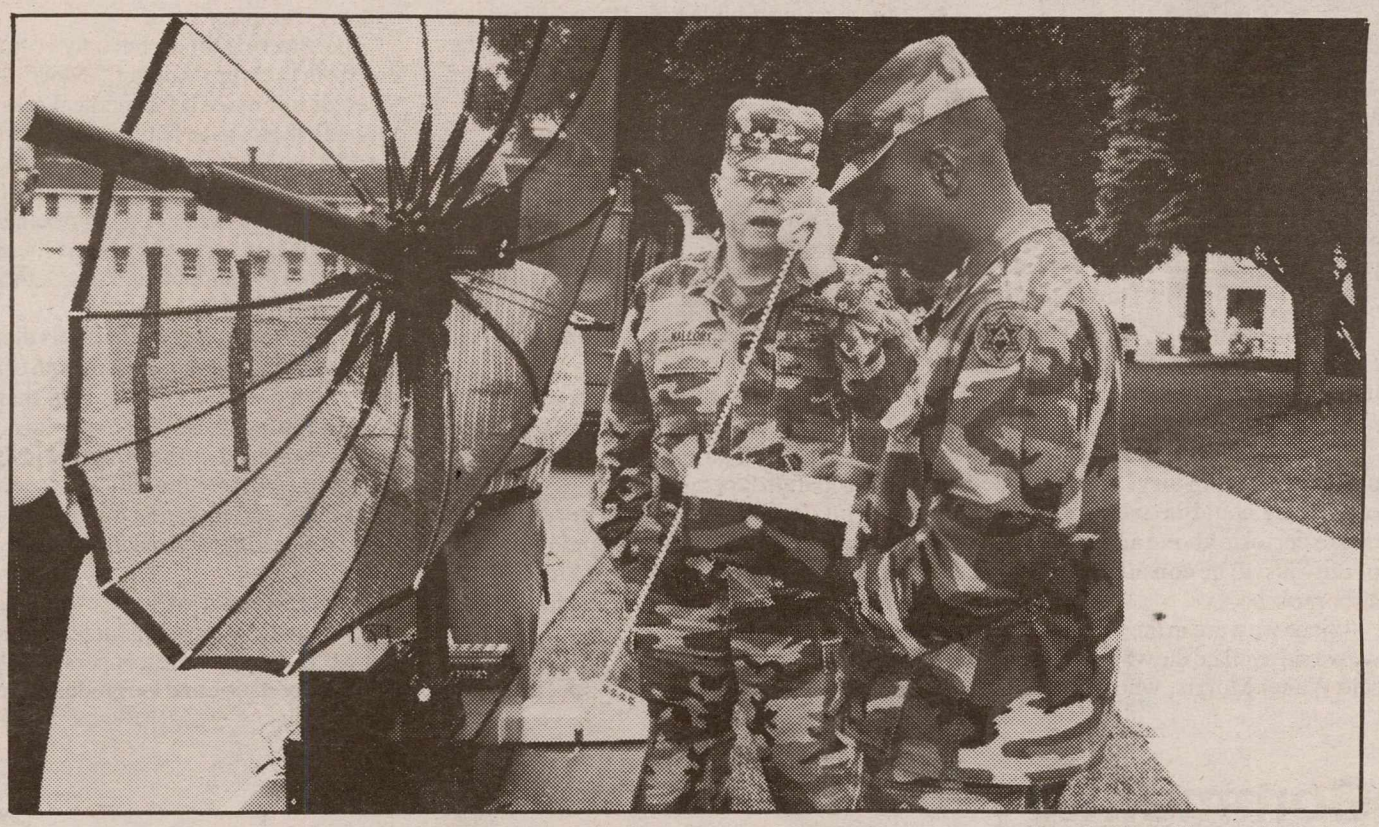

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Reach out and touch someone

Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco, uses the Mobile Systems TCS-9700 transportable communications system to talk across the country to Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Kinser, director, Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of theDeputy Chief of Staff for Operations in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The Sixth Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management's Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Jones prepares to describe some of the system's other features during a demonstration given by Jones and Maj. Jim Arnold, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee for DCSIM, Feb. 2, in front of Building 38. Also known as the INMARSAT, this international maritime satellite system weighs only 40 pounds, including carrying case, and allows the commander to have instantaneous phone communications in areas where local phone lines are unusable. Jones took this system to the Los Angeles area to augment Sixth Army's assistance after the recent Northridge Earthquake.

Presidio steals show at Sixth Army board

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

They've done it again.

Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, a military policeman with Law Enforcement Company, was selected as the Sixth U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Feb. 4, in Reno, Nev. The day before Spc. Adrienne D. Story, a journalist for the Star Presidian , was named the Sixth U.S. Army Soldier of the Year.

They each will receive a $500 savings bond from Forces Command, a free class A uniform from the Military Clothing Sales Store, and plaques from the Noncommissioned Officers Association and Sixth Army, plus other rewards.

All of their prizes will be presented at a luncheon to be held in their honor from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 11, in the Officers Club. See unit first sergeants for tickets. All active duty soldiers, family members and Department of Defense civilians are welcome to attend.

Garrett and Story had been selected to represent the post as the Presidio's NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year respectively in the competition held Jan. 13 in the Command Conference Facility, Building 35. Their top reward for those victories was an all expenses-paid trip for them and their families to the grand opening of the Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort, the first armed forces recreation center in the continental United States, Feb. 13 through 17, in Orlando, Fla.

Garrett, who has been in the Army for nine years, competed against 19 NCOs from other Sixth Army entities.

"Staff Sgt. Garrett epitomizes the three leadership attributes, `Be, Know and Do.' He has set the example for all soldiers and NCOs to emulate," 1st Sgt. Delores Carter, LEC, said.

Garrett is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the post's Traffic Accident Investigation Section. This is the section responsible for investigating abandoned vehicles, issuing speeding tickets and apprehending drivers operating vehicles under the influence of substances.

Garrett said he knew he had some tough competition, considering the number of NCOs he competed against. Not until he was named the winner did he realize how well he had performed.

Story competed against two other soldiers. She received plenty of coaching from her husband, Spc. William Story, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The parents of 8-month-old Lindsey Story helped each other study for previous board competitions, and Will traveled to Reno to help his wife practice there.

Story said she was better prepared for this board. She said she believed she would win before the board began.

"There were two subjects that weren't covered on my earlier boards, the NCO areas of focus and unit training. I didn't miss a question on the NCO areas of focus. It was also the first time current events were covered," she said. "No one walked in with you -- you were by yourself. There were eight sergeants major on the board, which was kind of intimidating.

"I walked down a long hallway. At the end were eight sergeants major. I knew I was on trial and I kept thinking, `I can't believe I did this.' It was a totally different atmosphere, but the board seemed easier than the post Soldier of the Year board," she said.

Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Jones, Sixth Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Training office, was a member of the board and said both winners showed a high amount of professionalism to the board members.

"Both soldiers did magnificent, superb jobs," Jones said. "Their military bearing, articulation and presentation before the board were excellent."

First black paratroopers change military history

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1994

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Times have certainly changed since the 82nd Airborne Division was formed during World War II. At that time Black soldiers were not permitted to become a part of this elite group.

Now 50 years later, we celebrate Black History Month and the numerous contributions that black Americans have made to military history.

In 1944, the black service company set out to change history. They worked to prove they could be paratroopers. They had to perform above and beyond the call of duty just to be considered to attend the airborne school.

"Since we were in the vicinity, I decided we would emulate the white paratroopers," said Walter Morris, who was the first sergeant of the black service company. "We observed them when they did their calisthenics and double timed everywhere they went. So we copied some of the things they were doing. But we didn't have any paratrooper boots."

Their performance caught the attention of the airborne school's commanding general.

"He was impressed when he saw our calisthenics," Morris added. "We were showing off to show him that we could do as well as the white paratroopers."

Their performances proved not to be in vain.

Not long after their demonstration, Gen. George C. Marshall was ordered by President Franklin Roosevelt to form an all-black paratrooper unit.

The decision was made in response to complaints by A. Philip Randolph, organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and president of the National Negro Congress and black press.

Morris was selected to be the first sergeant and first black paratrooper in the first black paratrooper company.

The unit became the 555th Parachute Infantry Company.

"There were 20 of us, but only 16 graduated from the jump training," Morris said. "Two didn't make it for medical reasons, one had a death in the family, and the fourth one just couldn't jump. Since we needed cooks and he was a cook, we decided to let him stay. But he wasn't on jump status."

All the instructors were white. However, Morris said the students and instructors did not have problems.

"The only problem we had was that the entire post [Fort Benning, Ga], both officer and enlisted, were making bets that we wouldn't jump because we were afraid," Morris continued. "The thing that inspired us was that we were the only black combat outfit then, and it was an opportunity for black troops to enter something they could be proud of."

Their efforts paid off.

After the first class graduated from the four week course, cadre troopers went back to their duty station and the graduating class became the cadre.

"When we graduated, the word went out that the Army was accepting volunteers for an all-black parachute battalion," Morris said. "We received applications from everywhere."

The company then became the 555th Parachute Battalion.

Morris attended the Officer Candidates' School. After graduating, he was assigned to the 555th.

"The 82nd Airborne commander decided to integrate black and white paratroopers after observing the conditions in which the black troopers were training.

The 555th Parachute Battalion was redesignated the 3rd Battalion, 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment and became a part of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Because of their pride and strength, these black soldiers assisted in the fight for equal rights and helped make the Army what it is today.

Information provided by the Armed Forces Information Service

Commentary

Today's black soldier

By Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

You'll have to do more than read a few books, skim a few newspaper articles or attend a program or two to truly understand today's Black soldier.

I have a fear about this commentary, but it has nothing to do with hurting sensibilities, embarrassing the command or ticking off my bosses with serious issues.

My fear is that you will know exactly how I think. You see, the mind as a sanctuary is one of the places that an African American can claim as being inviolate. Scratch me, beat me, make me write bad checks, you can't invade and violate my mind, my sense of self unless I allow you to.

I could have harangued about my people having served in every war my country has been involved in, but you should know that by now (unless you've just arrived, in which case, you will learn about us.)

I could have raved abut the Black heroes who've received medals for valor in service to their country or who've persevered to obtain ranks and status once thought unattainable by them.

I could have orated about man's humanity or inhumanity toward man, and declaim an immigrant society's ability to look upon a particular people with disdain, but...

I will focus on myself instead. I'll give you one example among many of today's African American soldier.

What I will do is declare that I am proud to be a U.S. citizen, profess my faith in Jesus Christ, and affirm my respect for all people. Period. I believe I can do these things under the U.S. Constitution. Actually, these were the three reasons I joined the Army. (Oh, I also wanted somebody else to pay my trip to Europe, but, you know...)

What does this have to do with being a Black male in the Army? Simple -- the previous three points further define who I am. I am more than justa skin color to be acknowledged one month out of the year.

I'm a registered voter, taxpayer and consumer. I continuously educate myself in school, religion and people. I'm also a parent, husband, head of the household (notice I didn't use the phrase "the boss" -- ask me about that sometime). I'm interested in your culture (whoever you are), your immediate welfare as a soldier or family member and interested knowing about you, the person.

I'd like to receive that same concern from everyone. Far be it for me to say that everyone who serves in the Army is green. I, for one, detest that thought. I actually prefer the differences represented by this great Army.

We have people from Puerto Rico, Guam, the Philippines, Jamaica, Korea -- you name it, you'll probably find someone from there or related to someone who's from there.

But isn't that also the hallmark of our country? You know: "give us your tired, your poor, your humbled masses yearning to be free." We have people of all races, faiths and colors in this country. It is only fitting that all be represented in our Army.

Forget about how your family came here. With the exception of the indigenous peoples, we are all immigrants or descendants of them. This is what defines all of us as citizens of the United States. Therefore, it is only fitting that we learn about one another's culture, lifestyle... what makes us tick.

But you'll have to do more than read a few books, skim a few newspaper articles or attend a program or two during the month of February to truly understand today's Black soldier. It's a start, but, sooner or later, you'll have to walk up to each of us and ask us what is on our minds, what we think of the world today and how we equate Army life with civilian life. I think some of you will be surprised at the range of answers you will receive. We are not all just alike; we don't all have the same background and, more than ever, we're not afraid to speak our minds. But if you truly want to learn about us (and as a U.S. citizen, you should, you'll have to sit down with us and listen to what we have to say -- as individuals and a people.

Our children do it all the time. They don't know any better. We shouldn't know any better, either.

By the way, you'll notice this is a male centered point of view. Oh, I wish I could define for you what it is like to be a Black woman in the Army, but I'm not a woman. But I challenge one and all to write us, tell us how you define your role as an African American man or woman, as a soldier, as a citizen. Forget what the books say -- write and tell us who you are.

Star Presidian deadline

Articles for the *Star Presidian* must be submitted no later than noon the Friday before the newspaper is printed. Late submissions will not be accepted.

If you wish to review an article written by the newspaper staff, it is your responsibility. Changes or corrections must be made by noon the Tuesday before the newspaper is printed. If corrections are not received by that time, the article will run as written.

We appreciate all your submissions and will gladly print articles from outside sources.

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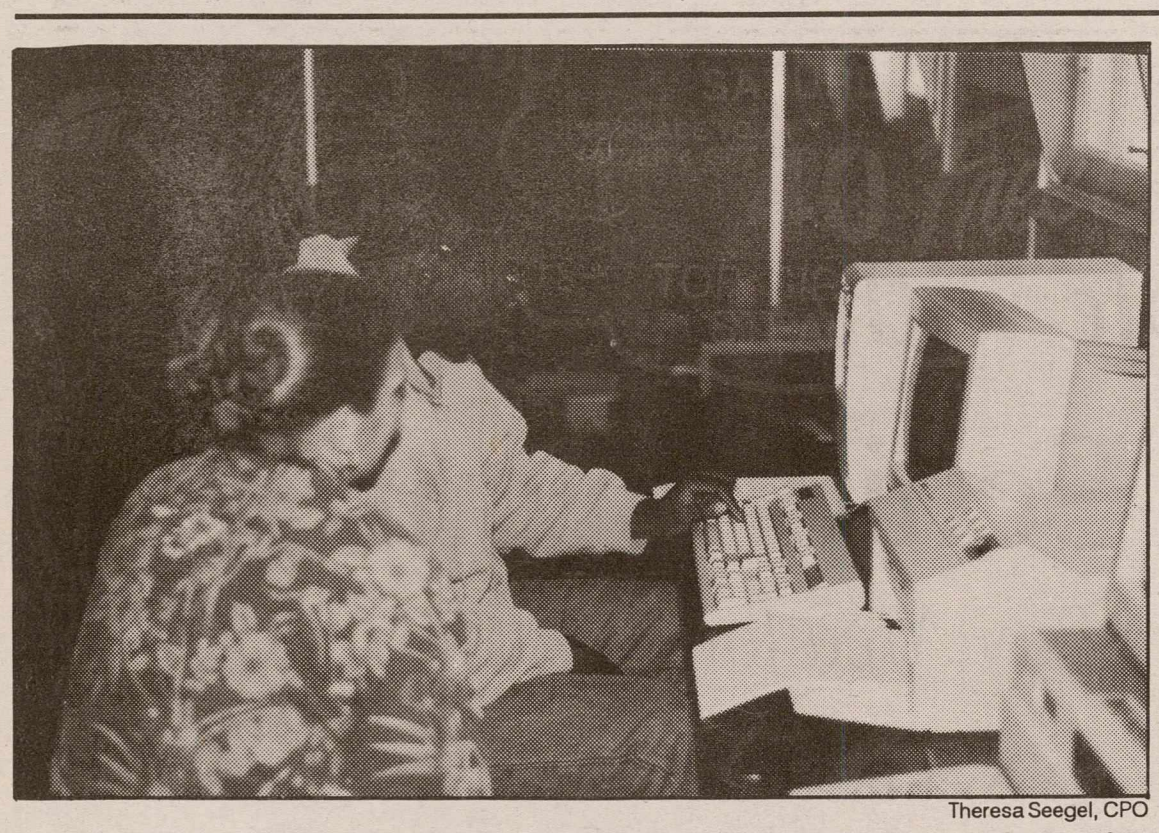

Theresa Seegel, CPO

Outplacement assistant M.J. Helgerson provides Water Harris with instruction on using the Career Search computer program.

Transition

Seminar designed for people over 50

By M.J. Helgerson
Presidio Outplacement Center

On Feb. 17, a select group of Presidio workers will have the unique opportunity to attend a Career Transition Workshop.

Unlike other seminars offered to the general population, this orientation is by invitation only and is designed specifically for individuals over 50 years of age.

In coordination with the California Employment Development Department (EDD), the founder and representatives of the LifePlan Center will present motivational methods and ideas to help older workers adopt a positive attitude about changing careers and lifestyles.

Founded by Gladys Thacher, the mission of the non-profit LifePlan Center is specifically geared to help mature adults review priorities and set new goals in a supportive environment.

"In our fifties and beyond, we become increasingly concerned about focusing our lives in a meaningful direction while feeling the constraints and realities of our present circumstances," says Thacher.

By providing access to information, community resources and personal networks, the LifePlan Center assists the individual in the preparation and planning essential to meeting these later years with a positive attitude.

In addition to Transition Guidance, the Center offers a Resource Library geared to pre/post-retirement ages, a Mentor Network of volunteers willing to share experiences and expertise, a quarterly Newsletter, Peer Interaction, and special events tailored to individual needs.

The LifePlan Orientation presents a great opportunity for Presidians to meet the challenges of tomorrow and positively change the meaning and quality of their future "retirement years." For information, contact M.J. Helgerson, **561-2336**; Juanita Whitehead, **561-2760**; or Brenda Peixotto, **561-2430**.

Transition Information

As a service to the readership of the *Star Presidian*, all future items relating to the transition of the Presidio to the National Park Service will be published on page 3.

The *Star Presidian* has published numerous articles, features, announcements, schedules and other pieces of information over the past several years, but we have placed them throughout the newspaper.

Now, for the first time, you will find all of the information published in one place, under the heading "Transition." This section will feature the latest, most complete information available.

In this edition, the *Star Presidian* provides you with a summary of services available to the personnel of the Presidio. The information includes telephone numbers, hours of operation, location and, in some cases, the dates on which the service is projected to end. We are also passing along the latest information on local job vacancies.

We will continue to update this information on a regular basis.

The Alameda Newspaper Group has vacancies for the following positions: customer service representative, telemarketing display advertising, outside sales representative, sports writer, and classified telemarketer. For information about these positions, phone **(510) 293-2332**. Resumes and cover letters may be sent to The Alameda Newspaper Group, Human Resources, P.O. Box 5050, Hayward, Calif., 94540, or faxed to **(510) 293-2383**.

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area has vacancies for the following positions: civil engineer, GS-0810-11, Announcement Number GOGA-94-10; maintenance worker leader, WL-4749-05, Announcement Number 5051-94-12; assistant planner & estimator (general), WD-4701-04, Announcement Number GOGA-94-11. Closing date for all three positions is Feb. 17. For information, contact the National Park Service, Personnel Division, Bldg. 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123, or phone **(415) 556-2035**.

There is an opening for a technical writer-editor (psychology), GS-1083-11/12 at the Defense Manpower Data Center, Personnel Testing Division, Quality Control and Analyses Branch, in Monterey, Calif. The announcement number is 18-94BB, with a closing date of Feb. 22. Forward your SF 171, Application for Federal Employment, along with the following documents, to Defense Logistics Agency, ATTN: DASC-KSE, Room 6-214, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va., 22304-6130.

Additional documents required:

-- Supplemental experience questionnaire (available at Presidio Outplacement Resource Center).

-- A copy of current annual performance rating and appropriate performance standards.

-- A list of all awards received within the past 10 years, including the dates of the awards.

-- OPM Form 1386, Background Survey Questionnaire 79-2 (submission of this form is optional).

-- Copy of recent SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, for verification of competitive status/reinstatement eligibility.

The following information was provided by the directorates and activities as indicated:

ACTIVITY, TELEPHONE, LOCATION and HOURS

Dial-A-Boss/
Base Closure Questions 561-2677
On-The-Spot Cash Awards, 561-6058
Contracting, 561-2614, Building 103A, 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. (Services terminate June 30)

Safety/OWCP, Building 201
Safety Info, 561-4424
OWCP/FECA Administrator, 561-5532, Building 201
Worker's Comp Info, 561-5532
To report Workman's
Compensation Fraud
or Safety Hazards, 561-7777

Engineers
Work Order Desk, 561-4505, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
After Hours EMERGENCY
Work Orders, 561-5656 (Fire Department)
Customer Relations, 561-3711, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Concerned Citizen's report (i.e. tree down, broken water pipe) 561-EYES (3937)
Self Help Center Building 1227, Fort Scott
Upstairs Hardware Store, Tuesday - Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.
Downstairs Garden Shop, Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - noon, and 4 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 - 5 p.m.
Orientation Briefings, every other Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
(Mandatory to use self-help facilities)

Housing
Guest Housing, 561-3411, Building 42, Pershing Hall, (24 hour information)
Family Housing, 561-6295, Building 227, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon).

Directorate of Logistics
Prop. Book Office, 561-3658, Building 924, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Services end Sept 30)
Motor Pool, 561-2660, Building 639, Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Services end Sept 30)
Passenger/Freight Transportation, 561-3039, Building 35, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Services end Sept 30)
Laundry, 561-2455, Building 1047, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Services end June 30)

Civilian Personnel, Building 37
Office of the CPO, 561-2383
Retirements, 561-4481
Management/Employee Relations, 561-3780 (Also Training and Labor Relations)
NAF Division, 561-2947
Staffing and Classification
Reception Desk, 561-5732, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Outplacment Office
Appointments, 561-2430, (Also appointments for Private Industry Council, State Employment Office, Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP)
Job Resource Center
Appointments, 561-2554

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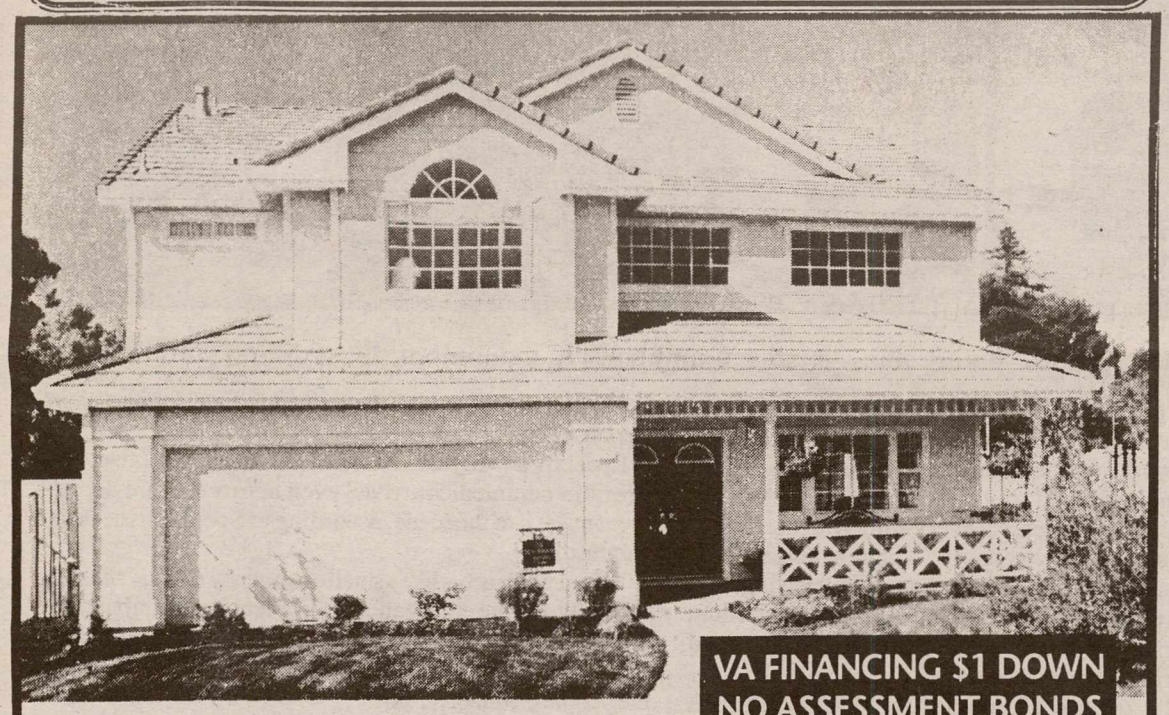

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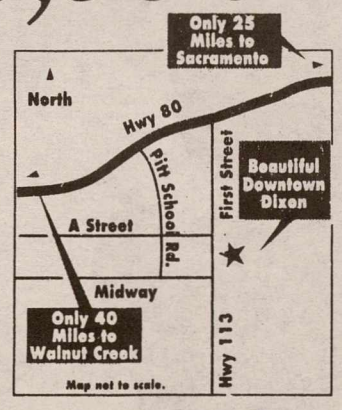

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NAF vehicles for sale

A 1987 Chevrolet Southwind motor home and a 1984 Chevrolet 25-passenger bus will be sold by sealed bid at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 667. This is a great opportunity to pick up a motor home for your traveling pleasure or to get a bus for your church, school, Scout or civic organization.

The minimum acceptable bid on the Southwind motor home is $4,000. The minimum bid on the 25-passenger bus is $2,000. The vehicles can be viewed at Outdoor Recreation Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sealed bids will be accepted at Outdoor Recreation until Feb. 16. All sealed bids will be opened Feb. 17, and the highest bidders over minimum will be contacted. Vehicles must be paid for and removed from Outdoor Recreation by Feb. 28. Vehicles are sold "as is." Bid sheets are available at Outdoor Recreation. This sale is open to DoD ID card holders only. For information, call Outdoor Recreation at **561-4324**.

Retiree Open House

The Presidio is hosting a Retiree Open House tomorrow. The day begins at 9 a.m. in the Post Theater with briefings and then moves to the Officers' Club, with activities ending at 2 p.m. Gary Smith, HQDA Retirement Services and the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUS) president, and Maj. Gen. James Pennington (retired) will be present to answer questions. There will also be representatives of many other retiree organizations. Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will sponsor a mini health fair. The ID Card Section, Bldg. 86, will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to retirees and their family members. No appointments will be made for ID cards; cards will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Automotive Certifications test

If you are a soldier with two years of hands-on experience in auto/truck repair, collision repair or as an engine machinist, you are invited to contact a counselor at the Presidio Education Center and learn about ASE certification. The certification tests, which also carry college credit, take place May 5-12, and must be ordered by Feb. 28. Soldiers in certain MOS's pay reduced fees. Please call **561-2974/4445** for information.

Commissary closure

The Commissary will be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 22, in observance of the Feb. 21 President's Day holiday.

Management workshop

In the '90's, corporations and agencies need individuals with the potential to meet the challenges of the new marketplace and to implement new concepts such as "continuous process improvement," "total quality management," and "statistical process control."

You should attend a seminar designed especially for directors, managers and officers in management positions. Ronald Stanley, Consultant, President and Director of Pathfinders Business Consulting Service will help you prepare for today's labor market challenges. The seminar takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 25, in the Command Conference Facility, Bldg. 35. Contact Ann Williams, Transition Coordinator, at **561-2598** for reservations or information.

Leave donation request

Mr. Donald L. Abbott, an employee with the Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison, is experiencing a medical emergency. Mr. Abbott, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, at **561-3780**.

Presidio Wine Glasses

The second order of Presidio of San Francisco wine glasses can be picked up from Maj. Irvin or 1st Lt. Watson at Bldg. 39, Room 232. Please bring packing and carrying materials, as these cannot be provided. Phone **561-3348/2386** for information.

GRE Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given at 7:30 a.m., April 14, at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time, but you must order your examination

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Acute Care Clinic staff serving patients' needs

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Spc. Melissa Dion, paramedic, ensures ambulance equipment is working properly.

It seemed like a quiet day in the Acute Care Clinic, but it was only an illusion. Within minutes, there were three patients in the clinic. The staff moved about swiftly; breaths were counted, blood pressure and temperatures were taken, and an EKG was performed. The ambulances stood always ready.

"Some days are more busy than others," said Lt. Col. Cris Jennings, clinic head nurse. "We see all active duty sick call, patients with acute injuries or illnesses and those needing to see a doctor but who are unable to get an appointment at another clinic."

The ACC staff is always prepared to do what is best for the patients, whether that's to prescribe medications, write consultations or treat, stabilize and transport to another medical facility.

While providing all this care, the staff still has the responsibility to educate patients about Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic's downsizing. The ACC and the Patient Service Center work closely to evaluate and address patient needs appropriately.

"All patients who sign into the ACC are screened," according to 1st Lt. Shelley Wehry, assistant chief Patient Service Center. "Forms are forwarded to the patient Service Center. We find out if a patient has a primary care provider, supplemental insurance and what steps they need to take to receive the best care possible as the clinic closes. We work hard to review all the options so the patients can make educated choices for their future health care."

Although Letterman is doing what it can to educate patients about the closure by sending out flyers, holding health fairs and printing articles in the newspaper, there are still patients who aren't aware of the closure or refuse to believe it will happen.

"Yesterday a patient came in who had no idea the hospital was closing," Jennings said. "There is a sense of urgency to prepare all our patients for the closure; the absolute latest date we can assist them in adopting an appropriate health care alternative is June 30."

Frequently, there are patients who sign into the Acute Care Clinic and don't understand LUSAHC's closure.

"People are angry. In their minds they have been promised something and that will no longer be there. They feel betrayed," Jennings explained. "There are several ways to deal with this reaction. The best way I deal with it is to share real feelings. 'I know exactly how you feel. I'm getting ready to retire also, and I'm in the same position. We're all angry and sad to lose Letterman, but that won't stop the closure. Now what can we do in a positive form to replace that health care that was lost?' When I can get them to this 'acceptance step,' then we can discuss the options the Patient Service Center can help them with."

"Since the ACC tries to continually educate patients, we are doing our best to get the patient referred to quality physicians," Wehry said. "The patient feels 'Letterman should be taking care of me and they won't.' It's not that we won't care for them, we don't have the people or services available to do that level of care anymore. We do everything we can do to get them the best care available."

"If we can help them transition into a good health care system that works for them, then Letterman is taking care of them," Jennings added.

"It's difficult to accomplish everything with the lack of specialty clinical service support," Capt. Michael Sosa, staff nurse, said referring to Letterman's downsizing.

At this time there are only eight nurses in the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic. Only four work in the ACC, and there is only one nurse on each shift.

The ACC is opened 12 hours from Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and eight hours weekends and holidays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"This is the first time in history that Letterman has not been open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's very important that patients know what to do and where to go if they are sick or have an emergency at 2 o'clock in the morning," Jennings added. "We have an ambulance for emergency coverage of the Presidio 24 hours per day, seven days a week. If someone needs emergency care and ambulance transport to a medical facility, our paramedics are here and very capable."

"If someone calls 911 for an outside ambulance, they will actually delay the ambulance response time," Paramedic Scott Engleman said. "If you call 561-5656, Presidio emergency dispatches an ambulance immediately with a short response time."

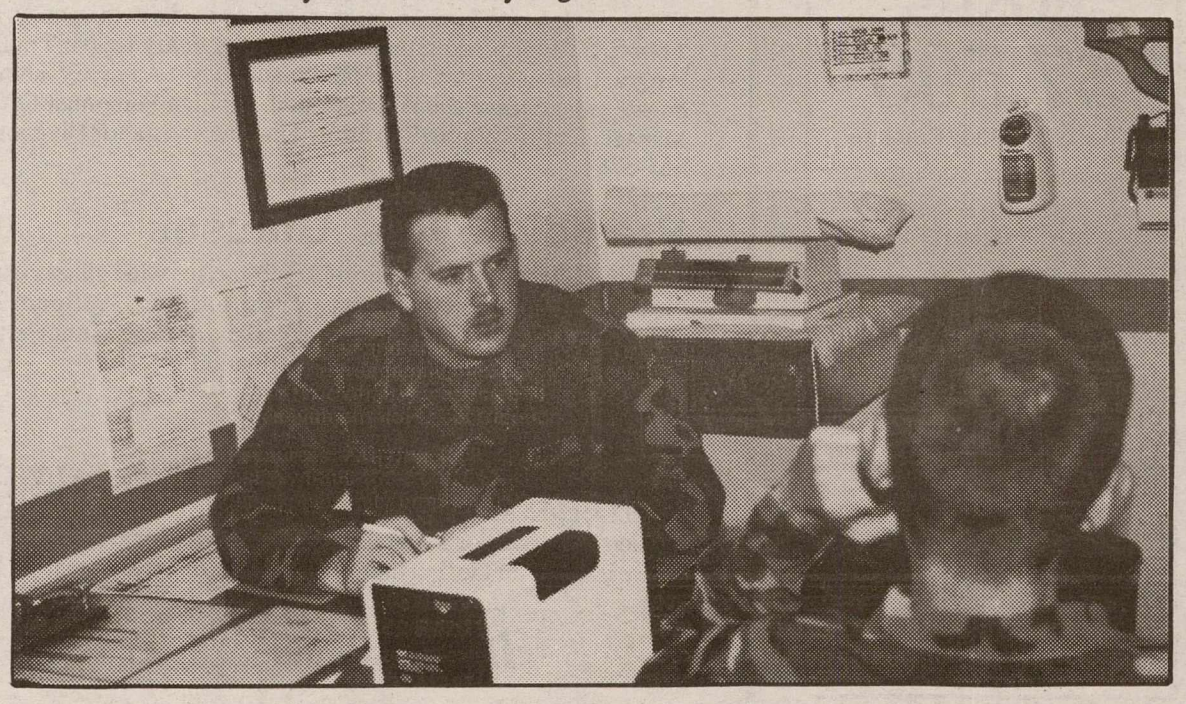
Recently a two-year-old fell approximately 12 feet. The Presidio paramedics arrived even before the fire department made it to the scene, according to Spc. Melissa Dion, paramedic.

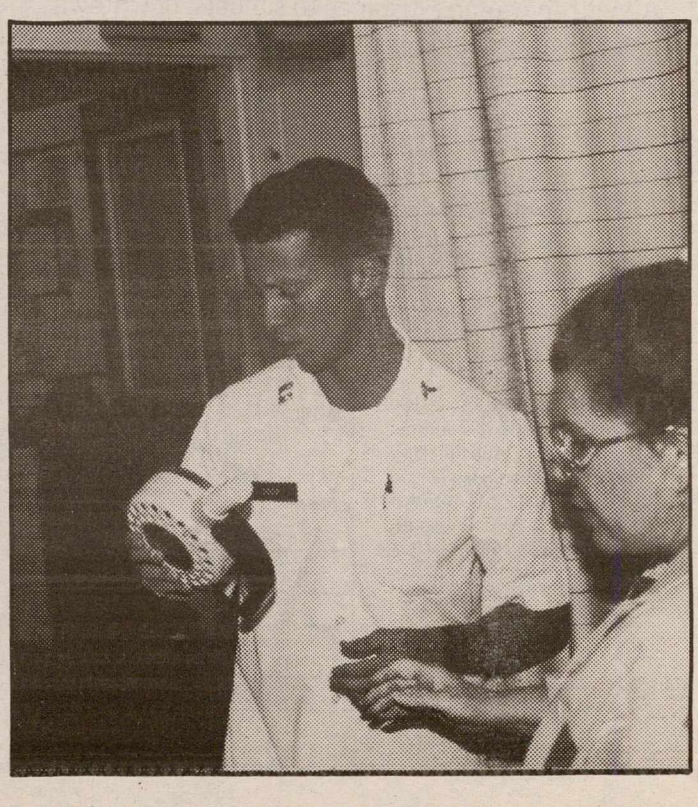
"The ambulance is like a small emergency room," she said. "We have all the emergency equipment in the ambulance. We are able to talk with the physicians by phone or radio and provide the community standard of emergency care to the people on the Presidio."

"While the ambulance is not out, the paramedics are here to provide an advanced level of care in the Acute Care Clinic as well as transport those patients who require more complex evaluation, treatment or inpatient hospitalization," Jennings said. "They provide a smooth and safe transition to a more advanced care facility."

While accomplishing all these missions, the ACC staff always puts the patients' needs first.

"Although we don't have the volume that we once did, we try to take the time with every patient to do everything we can to ensure their needs are met," Jennings concluded. "Letterman has a mission to ensure that the last patient in the door will receive the quality care that the first patient in the door received. We all try to make that happen."





(Above) Spc. Tschida checks a soldier's vital signs during Sick Call hours.
(Right) Capt. Michael Sosa reads a patient's breath counts at the Acute Care Clinic.

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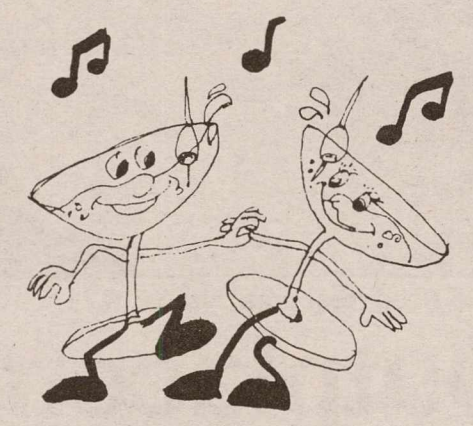

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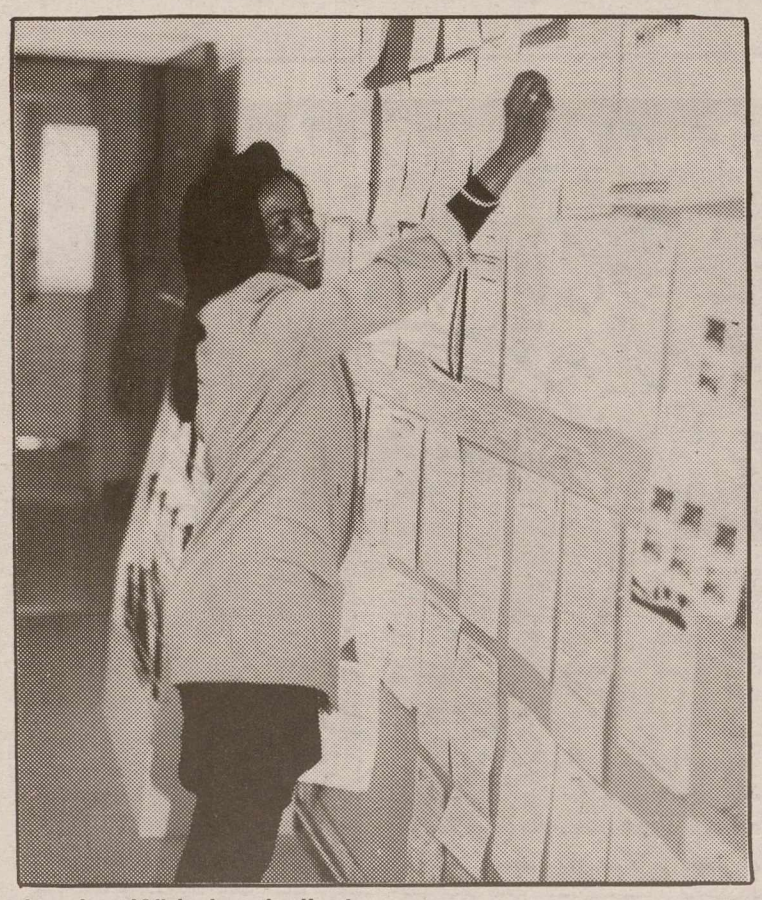
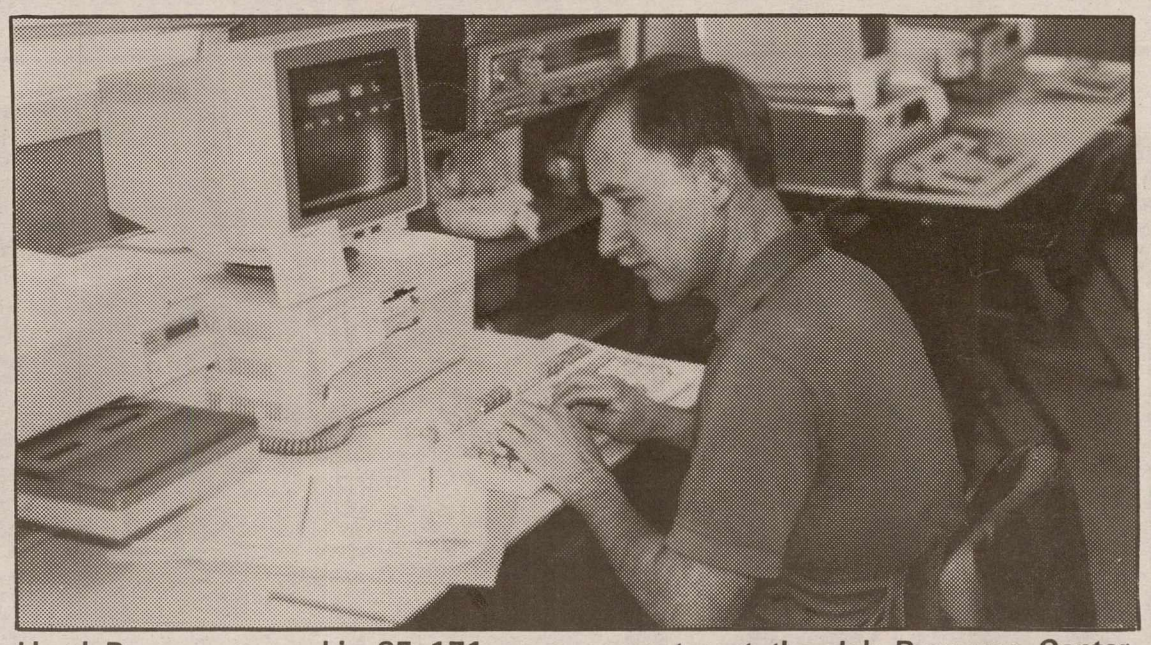


Juanita Whitehead displays vacancy announcements.



Lloyd Raeg prepares his SF 171 on a computer at the Job Resource Center.

Outplacement Office helps place employees

By Theresa Seegel, CPO and
Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

It takes an average of six months or longer to find a job. If you are waiting until the Presidio closes to begin looking for a new employer, you are putting yourself and your job opportunities in jeopardy.

The Presidio's Outplacement Office and the Job Search Resource Center can help ease the job search dilemma and is available to Presidio employees now.

The Outplacement Office is located on the second floor of the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37. It is a group of specialists within the CPO who primarily help transitioning garrison employees search for jobs. These specialists, or counselors, will coach and assist employees during their job search.

The Outplacement Office's ultimate goal is to connect an employee with an employer who has a vacancy.

"We try to make the workforce aware of potential positions and help put them in the position to successfully compete for the jobs," Gary Stella, outplacement team chief said.

"All of the legwork has been done," Stella continued. "We receive vacancy announcements from more than 300 employers. We also receive software that lists federal and other employment positions."

The Outplacement Office has been organized with the job applicant in mind. Current vacancy announcements, computers with career search programs, and telephone access are in the same area with the counselors, making it possible for an employee to do a "search" or schedule an interview on the spot. The Outplacement Office purchased on-line time with "Access," a bulletin board database of employment opportunities in the federal government. You must meet the following criteria to use this service:

1. Be on active duty, a Department of the Army employee or family member residing or working on the Presidio or its subinstallations;
2. Have a complete and current SF-171, and;
3. Be ready to accept an immediate job opportunity.

The database is updated everday. Job searches can be defined by region or by state and by wage grade or general schedule. Access information sheets are available at the Outplacement Office. For more information, call Christie Showell at **561-2405**, Juanita Whitehead at **561-2760**, or Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430**.

Other programs availabl include the Army Career Alumni Program, the California State Employment Development Department, and the Private Industry Council.

The ACAP provides counselors every other Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings to enter employees into their computers for job matches or help with résumé fine-tuning.

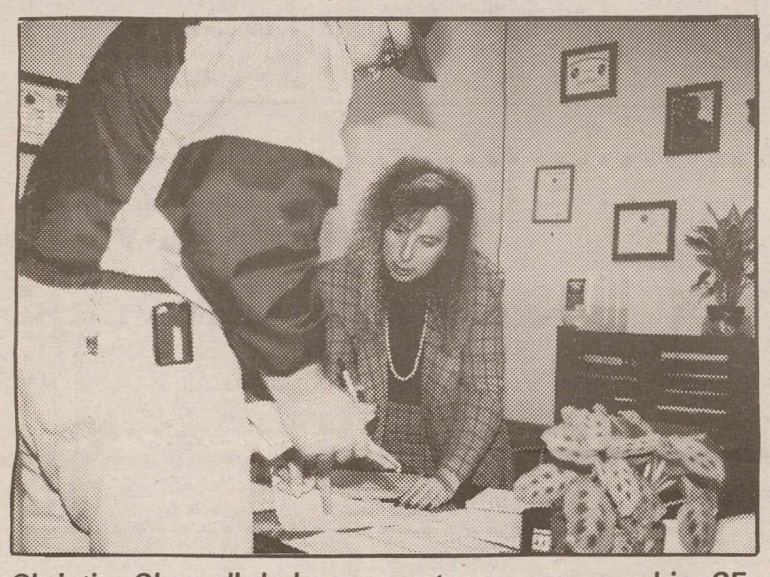
The EDD provides a counselor every Thursday to register employees in the state's computer network for vacancies.

The PIC contributes counselors every Monday to provide retraining programs for transitioning employees. All of these programs and services do require appointments due to time constraints and availability.

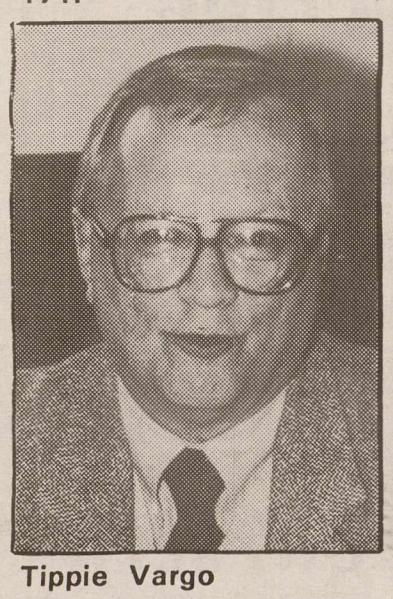
The Job Resource Center is closeby in the same building and has computers and programs available for updating SF-171s and résumés. The JRC includes programs for civilian employees looking for new job markets and soldiers transitioning from Army life to the civilian workforce.

The JRC originated as a coordinated effort between the Presidio Army Community Services and the Family Support Division, with Gloria Hartsough as a driving force behind its creation. The JRC became operational March 16, 1992, in Building 103B, and has since become one of the primary programs for helping transitioning employees. The JRC moved to Building 37 in October, 1993, and the Outplacement Office began operation around that same time.

Competition is fierce at all levels of employment. Start preparing today by calling the Civilian Personnel Office at **561-4999, 561-5388, 561-2366, 561-2760** or **561-2430**. Find out what the Outplacement Office can do for you.



Christie Showell helps a customer prepare his SF-171.



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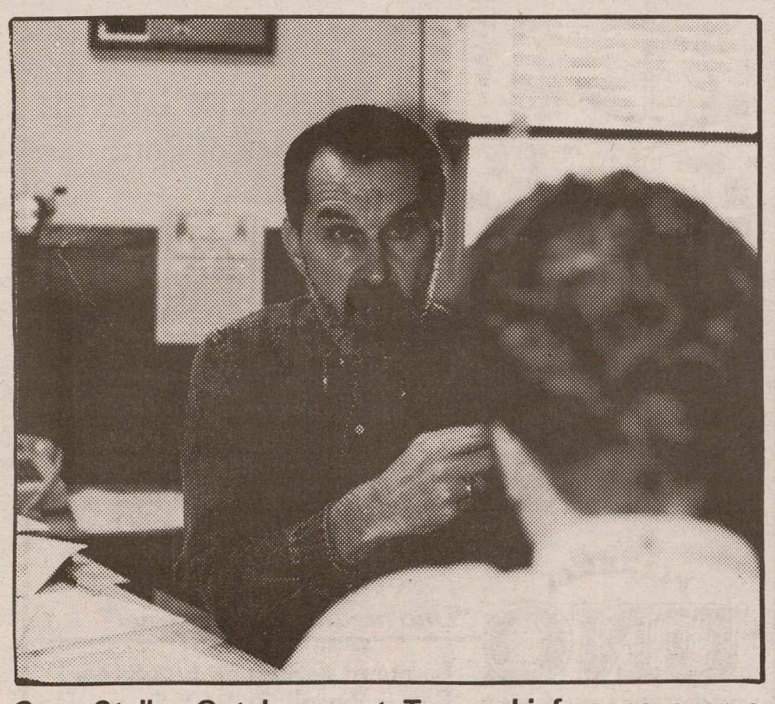
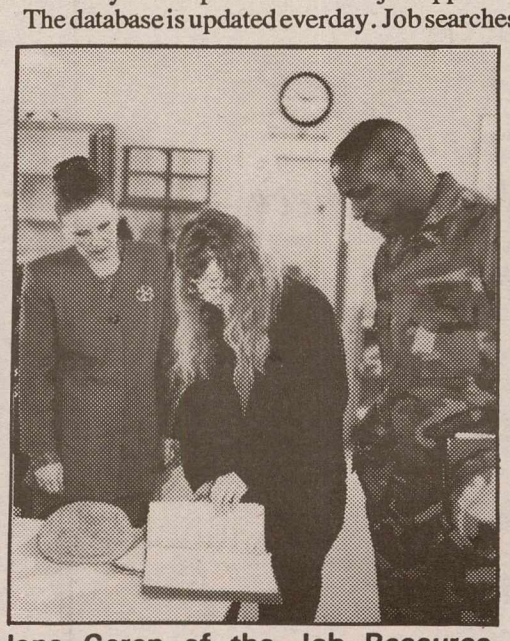
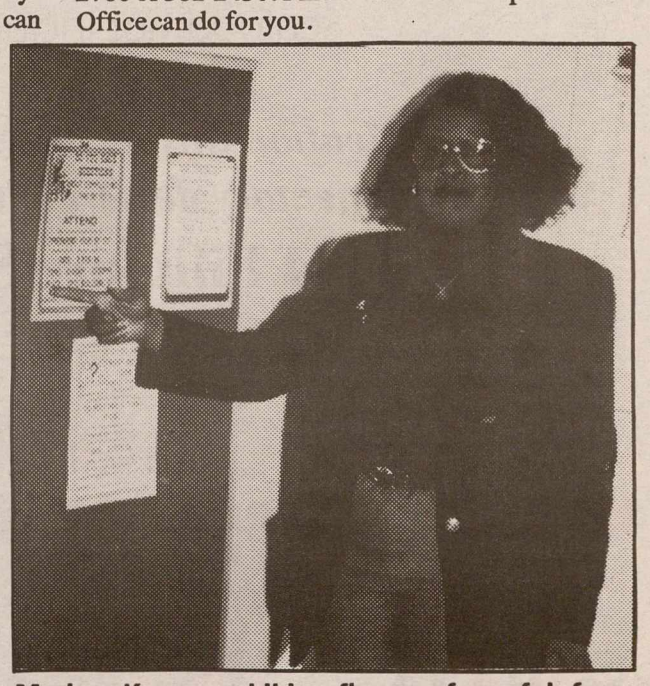


Gary Stella, Outplacement Team chief, goes over a survey with a teammember.



Jane Geren of the Job Resource Center shows M.J. Helgerson and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Upchurch sample resumes.

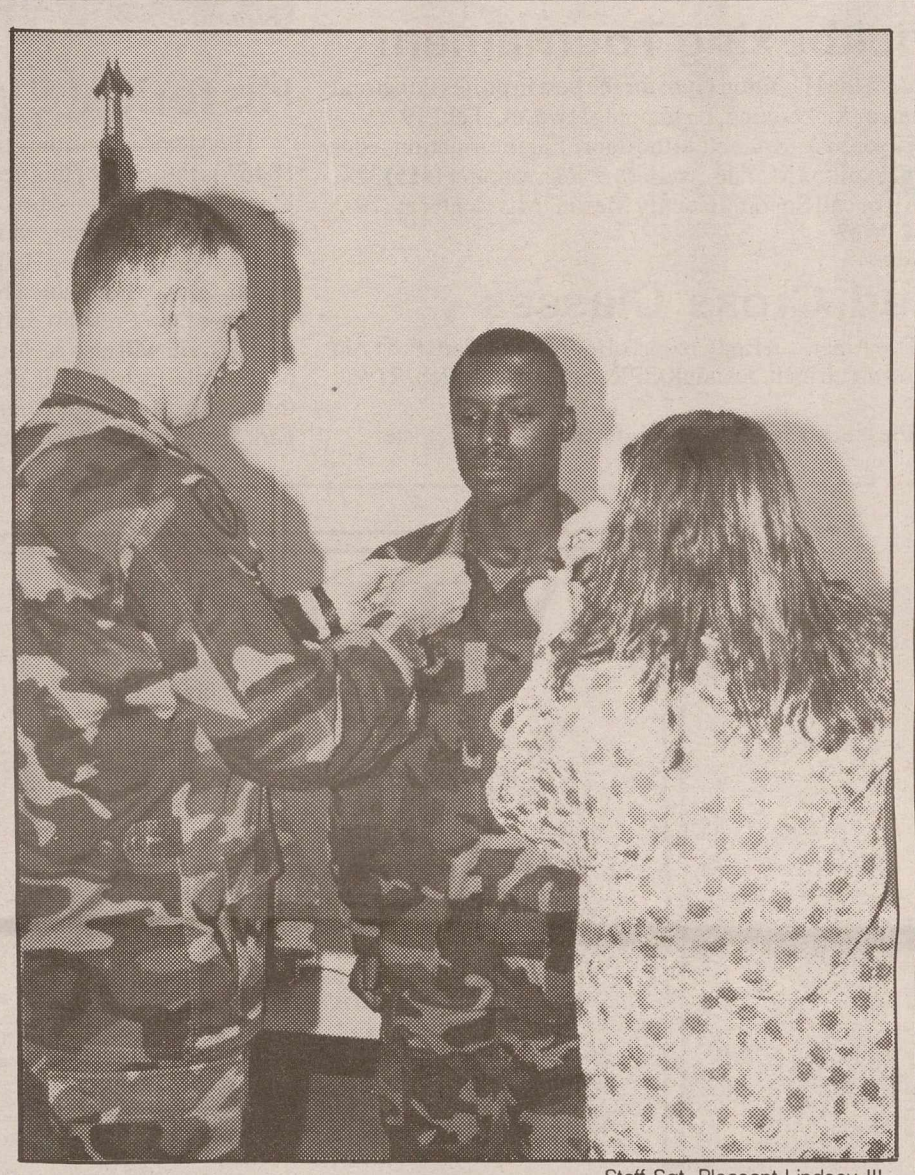


Marian Kemp exhibits flyers of useful free workshops presented in the CPO training.

Kudos, awards around post

LEC troops honored

Four Law Enforcement Company soldiers were recognized for setting the standard for others to achieve Feb.1. From left to right: Spc. Richard L. Johnson was awarded a battalion plaque for winning the Battalion soldier of the Month for November. Pvt. 2 Alan C. Leveille was awarded an LEC certificate of achievement for being named the company soldier of the month for January; Thomas W. Johnson was promoted to the rank of specialist with two waivers for outstanding duty performance; and tommy e. Bibb was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.



Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Willie Williams is promoted to sergeant during a ceremony held for him Feb. 4 in Room 200, Building 39. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Mobilization Evaluation, Col. Kenneth W. Smith, helps William's wife Angela pin his stripes on.

Tax Corner

Tax payer bill of rights ensures fair treatment

Thanks to a 1988 law, the Internal Revenue Service has to tell you what action it is taking against you in plain, easy-to-understand language.

In response to numerous complaints from taxpayers that IRS was not treating people fairly, Congress added what is known as the "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" to another piece of tax legislation.

These rights include the right to complete privacy and confidentiality; the right to fair, courteous and considerate treatment; the right to appeal an examiner's audit filings; and that IRS will pay interest on any refund it delays in paying you.

If your tax return is audited or you are involved in a formal collection interview, IRS must give you a written copy of your rights, as well as information on the audit and collection process. If you wish, you have the right to record the interview on audiotape; IRS may wish to record the interview also, but it has to give you 10 days' notice that it intends to tape the meeting.

If IRS decides that you owe more taxes or penalties or interest, it must explain its reasoning to you in detail.

If, after you have filed your tax return, you feel that you have paid too much in taxes, you may request a refund. However, IRS officials said the burden of proof is on you.

If paying taxes will cause you significant hardships, IRS may help you arrange an installment payment plan, or it may decide to suspend collection.

The law also talks about audit location rules, property seizure, acting on wrong IRS advice, and possible court action against the U.S. government.

IRS officials said their job is to collect the correct amount of taxes in the fairest and least costly way possible. The rights' bill guarantees that you, as a taxpayer, will not be mistreated nor will you pay more than your fair share of taxes, they added.

For complete details on the rights, ask for a copy of IRS Publication 1, *Your Rights as a Taxpayer*. Check with the installation tax assistance office or local library. If you are overseas, check with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate, or call IRS toll free at **1-800-829-3676** or write to:

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in person by March 9. For information, contact an education counselor at **561-2974/4445**.

College courses offered

Soldiers and family members planning to attend Columbia College during the March through May, eight-week term may register at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 28 and March 1. Those soldiers using tuition assistance should have completed the TA paperwork before the registration dates.

The following classes will meet at the Education Center one evening per week, 6 to 11 p.m., March 21 - May 14.

Course being offered include: General Sociology, Legislative Process, and Speech Communication (public speaking). For details see an education counselor at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216, or phone **561-4445**.

Kickboxing Tournament

Visit the Hamilton Gym for the best in professional and amateur kickboxing, beginnning at 6 p.m., Feb. 19.

Tickets are available at the door. For information, contact Hamilton Morale, Welfare & Recreation at **(415) 382-4210** or call Sonoma County Martial Arts Center at **(707) 584-3812**.

Red Cross Classes

The American Red Cross is offering a Standard First Aid class which includes adult CPR, 6 to 10 p.m., Feb. 21 and 28.

Please call **561-2187** for information or to register.

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Feb. 18 - Wayne's World 2 (PG-13)
Feb. 19 - The Pelican Brief (PG-13)
Feb. 20 - Tombstone (R)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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Historical Symposium

"The Mexicans and the Presidio of San Francisco: 1822-1846" is the topic of this year's Annual Presidio History Symposium sponsored by the Fort Point and Presidio Historical Association, which will be held Feb. 19, noon until 4 p.m., at Torney Hall in the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic. Four noted historians will discuss various aspects of the Presidio during the Mexican period. The symposium will also include a timely update and review of the role history will play in the Presidio as it goes through its transition from a military post to a national park. The Fort Point and Presidio Historical Association is an individual membership, non-profit public benefit corporation committed to the preservation of the Presidio's history and its contributions to San Francisco and the American West. For information about the association or the symposium, contact Peter Caldwell, Executive Director, Fort Point and Presidio Historical Association, at **(415) 921-8193**.

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By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

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-- Which circuit breaker is the one that really controls the electricity?

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-- Don't plan on using the nearest automated teller machine (ATM) during a major power outage; it won't work without electricity.

For answers to these and any other questions, you need to resurrect your copy of the "Presidio of San Francisco Earthquake Preparedness Handbook" given to all housing occupants. If you need a copy, please contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency at **(415) 923-7100**. The American Red Cross, **(415) 776-1500**, also has some very informative pamphlets to aid in your being prepared prior to an emergency situation.

And on the contracting front . . .

Local water outages will occur throughout the entire Fort Scott area, to include the 1200 housing and administration buildings, 1300 housing and administration buildings, and the 900 housing and administration buildings (south and west of Lincoln Blvd.) during the weeks of Feb. 14-18 and Feb. 22-25.

Water outages will occur only on weekdays and can be expected to begin as early as 7:30 a.m. Water service should be restored no later than 5 p.m. each day. **Water will definitely be available overnight.**

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience. Work is being completed on the main water distribution system to improve water pressure and increase availability of water to all Presidio residents.

Questions concerning this outage should be directed to DPW Customer Relations at **(415) 561-3711.**

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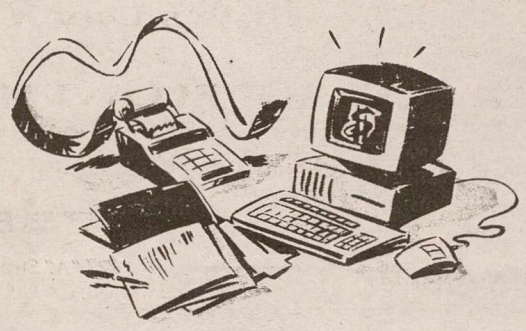
Crunch

A contracted tree trimmer grinds branches in a large mulching machine in the 700 housing area here Feb. 4. The tree trimming was part of improvement projects planned for the post.



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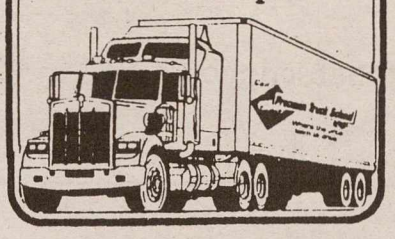

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Post's season ends sour, intramurals begin strong

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

The post's basketball team saw its season end with two losses to Castle Air Force Base in games Saturday and Sunday in gym No. 1 here.

Castle was apparently upset that the team's van broke down near Dublin, Calif., Saturday and took it out on the Presidians in a late game. Castle beat the Presidians by a whopping 42 points, 93-51. The game began with Castle's John McCauley hitting the first two shots in the game's opening minute, and disaster seemed to set in from that point.

Although Castle's players had trouble shooting from the free throw line, the Presidians' field goals would spin around the rim, roll in and out — do everything except go in for two points.

Sunday's game held more of the same, as Castle recorded a 91-51 victory. Castle led 43-25 at halftime, although only two of its players had scored in double figures at that point.

The second half of the Presidio's intramural season began with some tight games, indicating the competition may become tougher down the stretch.

The previous week's games included one that went into overtime and two that were decided by less than five points.

Feb. 3

USAG II 59

LEC 66

LEC pulled out the overtime victory after trailing USAG II 31-28 at halftime. The teams were tied 47-47 at the end of regulation time.

Each team was able to capitalize on the other's foul troubles, and both teams were able to score 19 of 28 shots from the free throw line.

LUSAHC 43

FBI 40

Once again FBI is showing that it is a team to be reckoned with. The team hit 17 of 22 field goals from the floor and sank six out of eight free throws.

Other scores, Feb. 1

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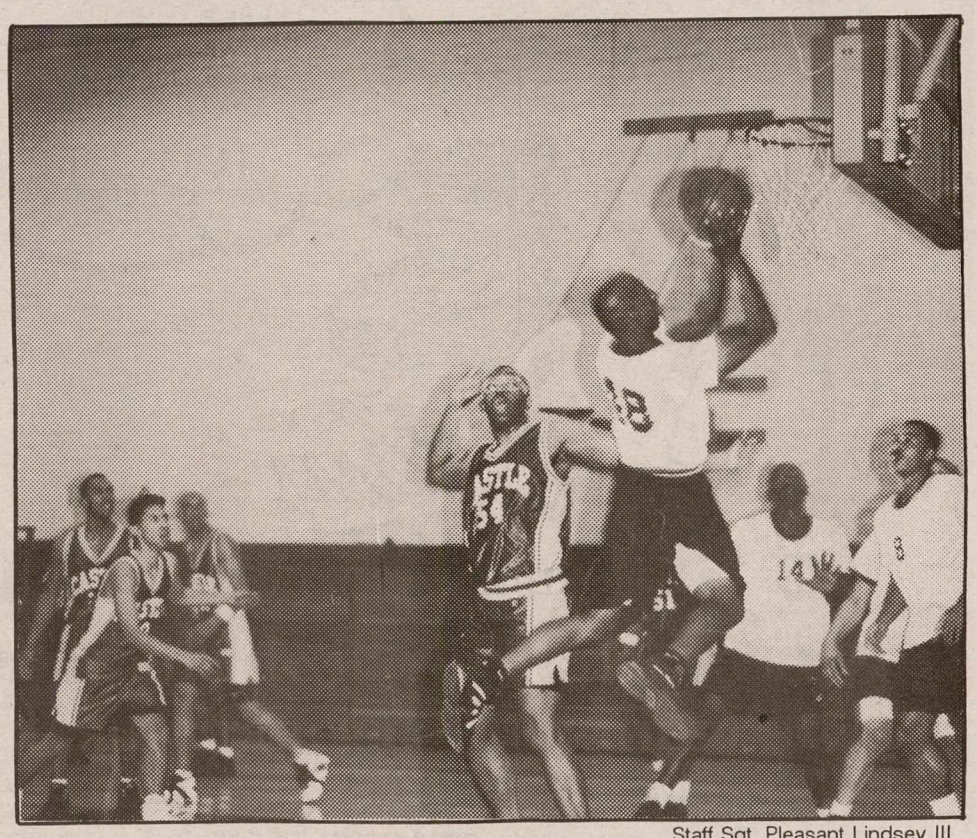
FBI 57;
USAG I 50,
LUSAHC 45



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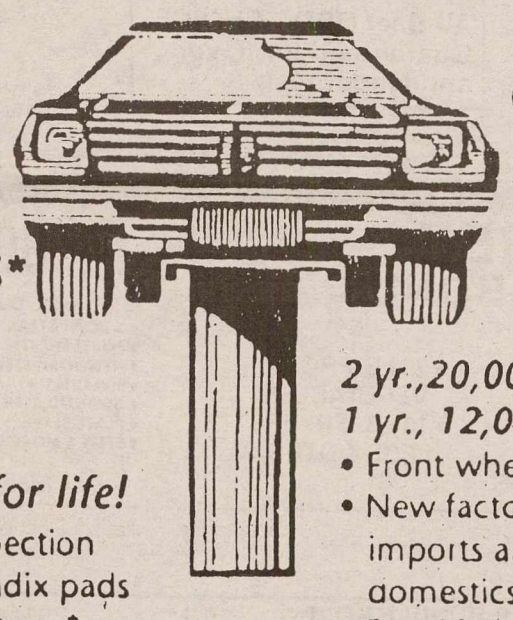

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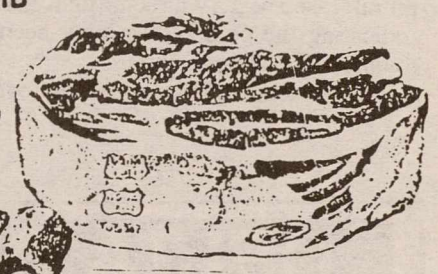

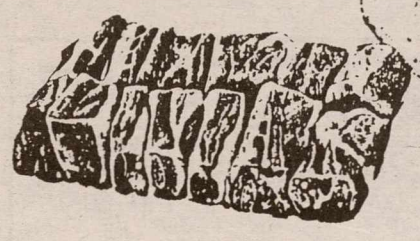

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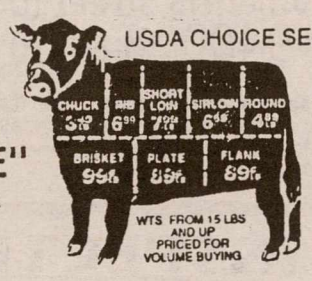

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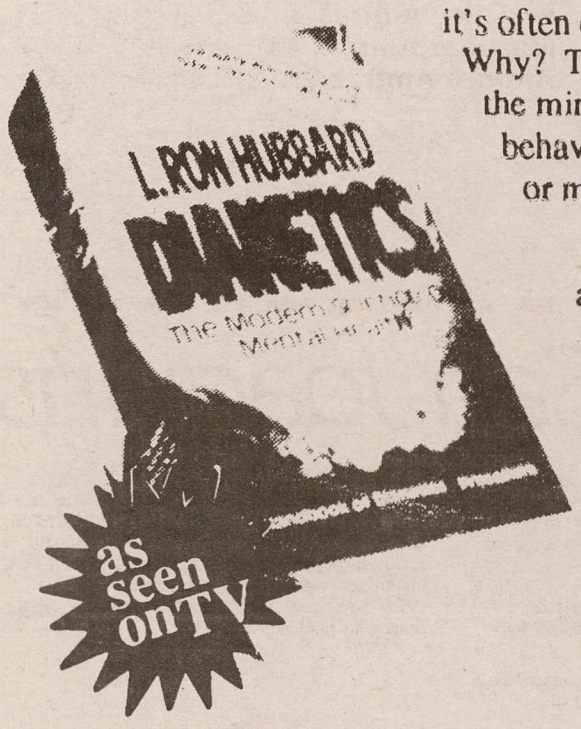

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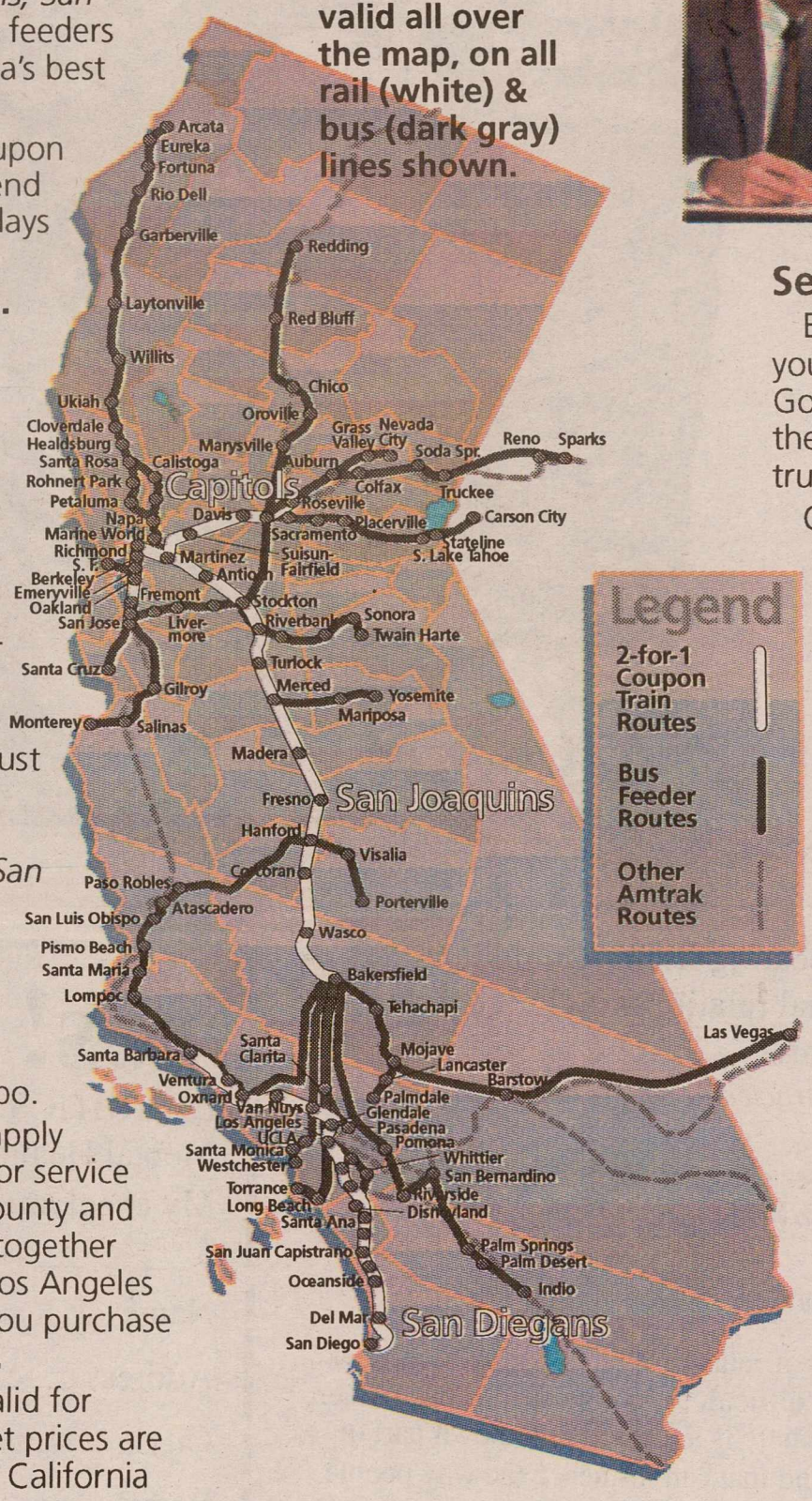

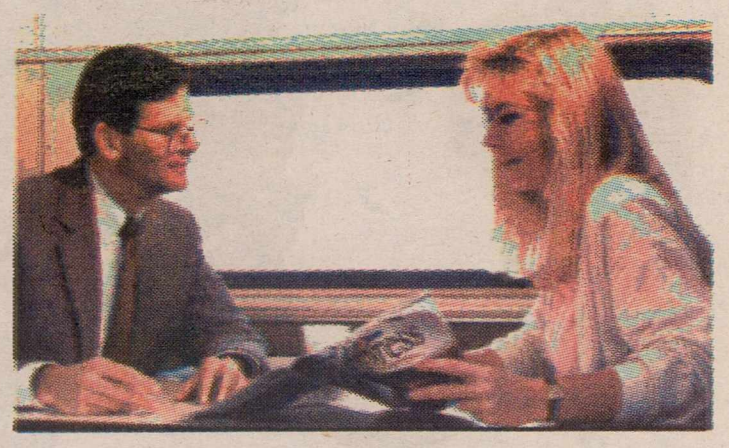

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BOOM!

Jason Newell of Presidio Troop 77, fires the mortar after Retreat is played. The post's Boy Scouts provided the flag detail for the evening ceremony Feb. 9 at the flagpole on Pershing Square as part of their Boy Scout Week activities. Other activities included Boy Scout Sunday Feb. 6 at the Main Chapel and a model car derby by the post's Cub Scout Pack 77 Feb. 12 .

Army leads society's attitudes

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

When Sgt. 1st Class (ret.) Rodney Woodson served in the Korean War, he faced more than the challenges of combat. He faced racism.

Joining one of the first integrated units in 1948, the young black soldier had to endure racial slurs such as "nigger" and "monkey."

"At times, I wished the Armed Services never integrated. It was just too demeaning," Woodson said. "We had the worst supplies, equipment, and had to do the details that no one else wanted to do. I just had to remind myself that we were putting up with this for a reason -- to make life better for other black men.

"It's hard to explain what it was like to be treated that way when you knew you were just as good if not a better troop. We [Woodson and the other 13 black soldiers who served in his unit] almost got used to the treatment," he continued. "A new soldier came to our unit. The white guys picked on him real bad. He couldn't take it... Well anyway, we decided to stand up for him and we all stuck together. We realized that the other guys were really afraid of us, so they didn't call us names anymore."

Woodson, whose body now trembles from holding its own weight, paused as he thought of the young soldier he once knew.

The gray haired gentleman's eyes became glassy, but he held back the tears and began to reminisce about serving his country.

After working together on a combat mission, black and white soldiers gained each other's respect.

"Once, we went on a night mission and everyone was a little afraid; of course we wouldn't admit it. For some reason it didn't feel right. But that actually helped us out. We all stuck together and learned we could trust each other. Things started getting better and better after that."

"After a while, I was glad the service was integrated. I think we fought the war better as one unit than we would have if the service would have stayed separated," said Woodson, who walks with a cane.

Woodson and other black soldiers' contributions to military history helped make the Army what it is today.

Today, the Department of Defense is the largest, most successful equal opportunity employer in the nation, according to the Equal Opportunity Black History Month pamphlet.

"I don't feel I've faced more challenges in the military because of my race," said Spc. Jerome Rogan, administrative clerk, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "The Army is the best equal opportunity unit in the world.

"In the military, everyone -- people with different religious beliefs and backgrounds -- works together to accomplish the mission," added Rogan, who enlisted in the Army in June, 1991. "Soldiers aren't always treated the same, despite race, throughout the Army. There are racists everywhere, but I think it's at a much lower scale in the military because of the rules and regulations."

With the formal integration of the services, the military led the way in equality. However, black soldiers still faced several challenges.

Life in the military was still hard for black soldiers. They weren't only fighting foreign enemies, they were fighting domestic discrimination. Black Americans were traditionally paid less, forced to live in segregated areas away from military installations and black officers were refused entrance into some clubs. Black officers could only command black troops.

Now after years of fighting for equality, Spc. Rogan, along with 142 other soldiers from all races, is led by two black officers -- company commander, Capt. Tracy Sharpe and battalion commander, Maj. Lindsey A. Smith.

Because of the Army's structure [chain of command], soldiers' voices are heard, and discrimination, if it should occur, can and will be stopped.

"In the civilian world, I think discrimination could linger on, but in the military the laws are enforced and anyone who discriminates against someone because of their race, even name calling, will be punished," Rogan added. "If I was ever discriminated against, I would first confront the person and ask, 'Why?' If it continued, I would take it higher and go to the equal opportunity office. In the Army I feel it would be resolved.

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Commentary

Fitness . . . and what I have got to lose

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian Staff

A few months ago, I decided that it was time to get in shape. You know -- lose a couple of dress sizes. I remember being 18 years old, eating junk all of the time, and weighing a sylph-like 108 pounds. This is no longer the case.

I made my goal manageable. Two dress sizes. That's all. That's about 20 pounds.

First I tried the easy way. Diet pills. Those shakes that never look as good coming out of the blender as they do on the box (a couple of them tasted pretty good, though). And it worked. Until I stopped using the pills and drinking the shakes.

I couldn't afford any of the plans that gave you freeze-dried or microwave foods, so that was out. What on earth was I going to do?

Well, I started a program that involved healthy diet choices (some days these go by the wayside; I'm only human) and exercise. That's right -- I am working out. I have a few tapes that I like. One of them is a ballet workout, another is low-impact aerobics. My favorite is one by a feisty Australian lady with a crewcut -- you've probably seen her on television.

I bought a new tape recently, this one led by a handsome, blond actor. Since my fitness level was increasing, and the tape was recommended "for any fitness level," I was pretty sure I could keep up. Besides, maybe looking at this Teutonic god would be inspirational . . .

Well, I guess this tape is for anyone whose fitness level lets them keep up with an Aryan hunk who stands nearly seven feet tall. The stretches were wonderful. The cardiovascular workout, featuring shadow boxing, jumping rope, and a variety of other activities, was great. Then came body sculpting.

"Let's do some lunges. These are great for the gluteals. Now some *trunk twists*."

I was rapidly becoming disenchanted with this guy -- where did he learn this stuff?

"Now we will do five types of pushups," he continued. "Remember to modify for your fitness level."

I managed one of the five types -- I have an upper body strength problem. Maybe the next thing would be better.

"Now we will torture our abdomens by doing seven types of situps," the fitness stormtrooper intoned.

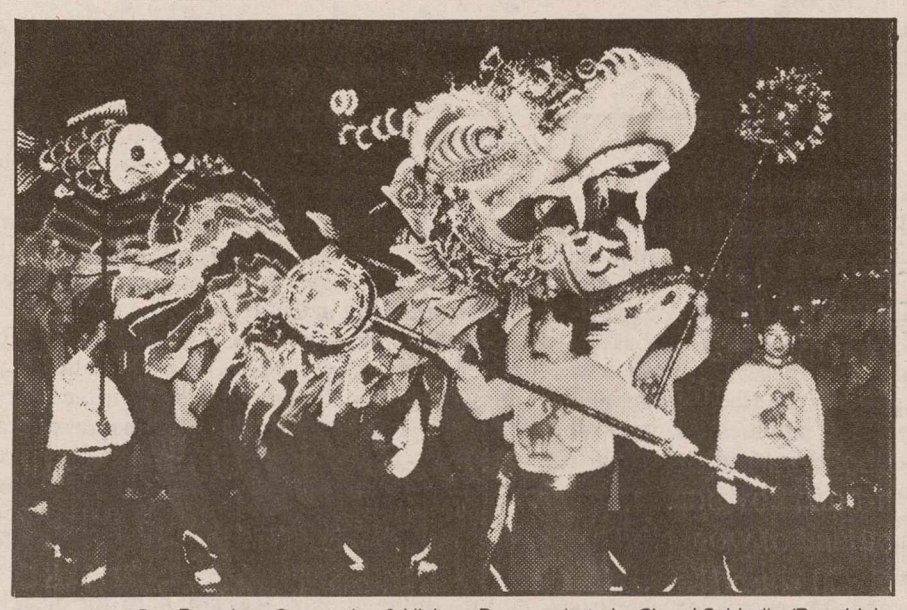
"No, we won't," I snapped at the television. "I will do some of them and watch you do the rest."

My inspiration was changing. When I bought the tape I thought the mere presence of this man in my living room would do the trick. I was now getting tremendous mileage out of cursing him roundly.

I made it through the tape, rewound it, and stumbled upstairs to the cabinet that holds the mentholated muscle rub. I was ready to give up.

But I won't. I've lost one dress size so far.

Tomorrow I'm going back to the feisty crewcut lady. Before you know it, I'll be ready for those seven types of situps as directed by the obergrupenfuhrer of fitness videos.



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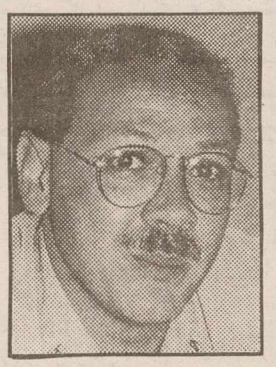
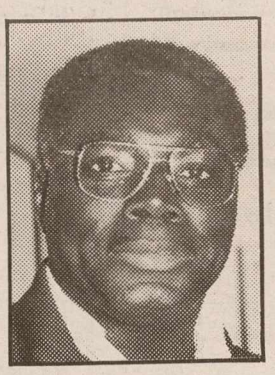
The block-long Gum Lung dragon snakes his way towards Chinatown during the annual Chinese New Year Parade. The festival, celebrating the Year of the Dog (lunar year 3692) began Feb. 10. Gum Lung will provide a spectacular finale to one of the nation's oldest nighttime parades Feb. 26.

Ask Presidians

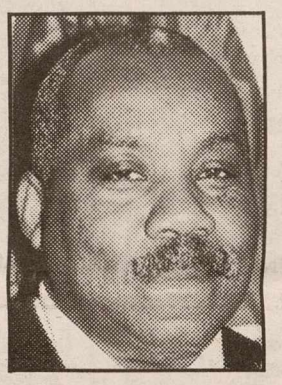
"Which African-American historical figure had the greatest influence on your life?"



Sr. Chief DeVaughn, Navy liaison, : "Rosa Parks. By refusing to give up her seat on a bus one day, she showed how to stand up for what you believe in. My major influence was my father. He showed me how to hold on to my beliefs and to be a man."

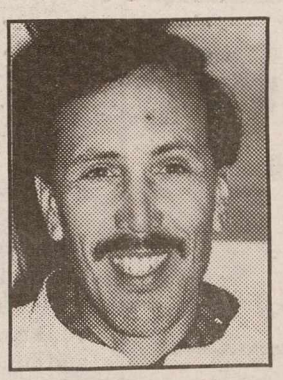


Richard Harrison, telephone installer leaderman, Directorate of Information Management: "Sidney Poitier. The things he accomplished encouraged me to achieve. When I first entered the Army, they told me I'd never make it into the communications field."



H.W. Wilson, communications planner, DOIM: "There are two. George Washington Carver, who made so many inventions from the peanut. Also, Harriet Tubman, who performed a greater work by leading people to their freedom and helping others."

Tauaese Tauaese, sports specialist, Presidio Sports Branch: "Martin Luther King Jr. He paved the way for a lot of people through the civil rights movement, and his wife and children carry on his tradition."



Bob Darling, Sports Branch: "Kipchobe Keino, the Olympic runner from Kenya. He won the 1500 meters in the 1968 Olympics and won the 3,000 meter steeplechase in 1972. A foster parent, he always displayed good sportsmanship and goodwill. He was a true world champion."

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey

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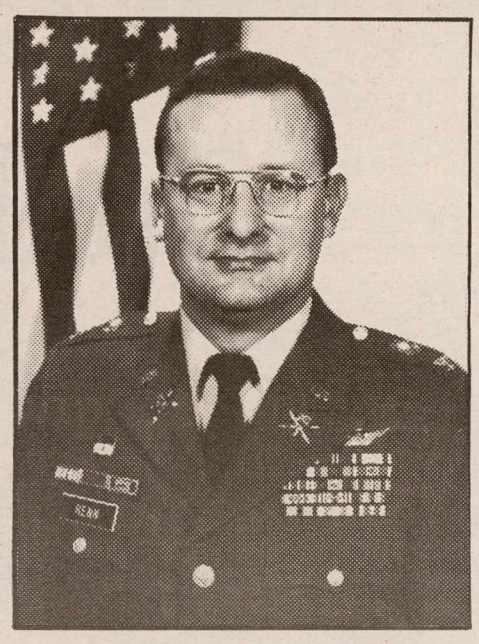

By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

It's time once again for me to respond to the concerns of my fellow Presidians. I feel it's very important to keep everyone informed as we move closer to the Presidio's closure.

Spc. James Bouknight asked about child care on the Presidio. Specifically, he wanted to know whether soldiers would receive a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) for civilian day care if there were more children than family care providers could accommodate. After the Presidio's Child Development Center closes July 1, families will have two options for child care. The first is family child care in U.S. Army housing. The second option is for families to use Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS). The SPS will help you find quality, affordable child care in the local community. Families may obtain detailed information on either program by phoning the Child Development Center at **(415) 561-4805**. Unfortunately, there is no COLA available at this time for child care.

Rose Ann Pelzner wanted to know how legal services would be handled on the Presidio after the closure of the Garrison *Staff Judge Advocate's office. Ms. Pelzner* also asked about job opportunities with the Sixth U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's office and whether there were funding problems involved in these issues.

This is a complicated issue, but I'll make it as simple as I can. Fort Lewis, Wash., has already assumed the Presidio's AR 5-9 jurisdiction throughout Northern California for most of the functions previously provided by the U.S. Army Garrison here (i.e., military pay, travel vouchers, etc.). Legal support has been an exception. When the Garrison SJA closes, Fort Lewis will become responsible for legal matters.

Fort Lewis plans to provide legal assistance support by hiring a civilian attorney and one clerical support person. Both of these people will work on the Presidio in the Sixth U.S. Army JAG office.

Funding is indeed an issue. Fort Lewis is awaiting guidance from FORSCOM on the funding situation and should have their answers soon. Unfortunately, I can't give you an exact date. However, as soon as the funding issue has been resolved, job announcements for both positions will be issued by Fort Lewis' Civilian Personnel Office, and current Presidio employees may apply for them.

Sgt. 1st Class (retired) Walter Rollo asked what activities, such as medical support, will be available for Sixth U.S. Army personnel and retirees when the Presidio closes as a military post.

Health Services Command has agreed to staff a small clinic at the Presidio which will serve active duty service members. Retirees will need to use other military medical facilities or exercise their options under CHAMPUS or Medicare.

The status of other facilities and services to be retained by the Army at the Presidio after September 30 is in the final stages of negotiations with the National Park Service. I fully expect those negotiations to be resolved within a month. Until that time, we really cannot discuss specifics.

What I can say at this time is that, generally, programs and activities here will be minimal. I promise you that as soon as everything is finalized, we will provide the community with all of the details.

Staff Sgt. Katherine Ricks wanted to know if soldiers would have to move when the post closes. Soldiers in family housing will be "grandfathered" in their current quarters. This means that soldiers will remain in their quarters until they leave, and housing will be emptied by normal attrition.

She also expressed a concern as to whether soldiers would receive (COLA) if the Commissary closes. Unfortunately, COLAs are presently authorized only in overseas locations.

Spc. John Bosley asked where soldiers will eat after the Dining Facilities closes. The Dining Facility closes June 1; at that time, all enlisted soldiers assigned to the Presidio will receive Basic Allowance for Subsistence at the "rations not available" rate of $7.67 per day ($230.10 for a 30-day month). We are also looking into establishing a dining facility in another location and the possibility of building kitchenettes in the barracks. As soon as we have the answers, I'll let you know.

Again, thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention. You may also use the Commander's Hotline (**561-BOSS**) for answers to your base closure questions.

Vacancy Announcements

This is a sampling of vacancy announcements currently available at the Outplacement Resource Center. To get the best lead on open announcements, visit the Civilian Personnel Office at least once a week.

Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif.: **Child Care Manager, GS-1701-09**. Announcement Number 31-12-93. Closing date is Feb. 23.

Contra Costa County, Martinez, Calif.: **Sheriff's Dispatcher I**. Salary range is $27,460-$30,280 per year. Closing date is Feb. 25.

Hqs, 1st Signal Brigade (U.S. Army Information Systems Command), Directorate of Plans and Operations, IMA Policy, Plans and Mission Division, Policy and Plans Branch, Seoul, Korea: **Telecommunication Specialist, GS-391-11/12**. Closing date is March 9.

Office of the Medical Center Judge Advocate, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas: **Attorney-Advisor (General), GS-905-13**. Closing date is March 18.

National Training Center, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Fort Irwin, Calif.: **Attorney-Advisor (General), GS-905-12**. Closing date is Feb. 25.

Hqs, 2nd Military Police Detachment, Yongsan, Korea: **Information Management Specialist, GS-301-11/12**. Closing date is March 7.

City of Vacaville, Calif.: **Recreation Supervisor**. Salary range is $2,799-$3,402 per month, plus a 7 percent city-paid PERS contribution and excellent benefit package. Closing date is Feb. 28.

University of California, San Francisco: **Administrative Analyst**, Department of Surgery, Parnassus Campus. Salary range is $2,532-$2,970 per month. **Staff Research Associate II**, Medicine/Infectious Diseases, Parnassus Campus. Salary range is $2,305-$3,458 per month. **Staff Research Associate II**, Rosalind Russell Lab, San Francisco General Hospital. Salary range is $2,305-$2,3458 per month.

Marin Municipal Water District: **Part-Time Gate Keeper**. $10 per hour. Must be able to work flexible schedule, typically Sunday through Wednesday, 10 hours per day from April 1 through Labor Day weekend. Typical work hours from Labor Day through March 31 would be weekends only, 10 hours per week.

Defense Logistics Agency, Manassas, Va. (move to Fort Belvoir planned for June/Sept. 1995): **Contract Review Administrator, GS-301-15**. Critical acquisition position. Closing date is Feb. 28.

For information on any of the above positions, call Brenda Peixotto, Outplacement Office, at **561-2430**.

Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP)/Job Assistance Center (JAC) is offering one-on-one counseling to assist you in defining your goals and job search strategy, writing an effective resume or preparing for interviews. Counselors are available in Bldg. 37 on the first and third Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of every month. Call **561-2430** to schedule an appointment.

Tax Corner

Some military families may be eligible for the earned income credit. The credit reduces the amount of tax you owe. Additionally, the earned income credit is a refundable credit. Thus, eligible taxpayers can receive a refund even if they do not owe tax and had no income tax withheld. You may be eligible for the earned income credit if you worked in 1993, earned less than $23,050, and had a child who lived with you.

To be eligible for the credit, you must have lived with a qualifying child in the same house in the United States for more than half the year. Special rules apply for foster children or children who have died or been born during the year. A qualifying child is the taxpayer's son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, or eligible foster child. The child must be less than 19 years of age at the end of the year, be a full-time student under 24 at the end of the year, or be permanently and totally disabled at any time during the year, regardless of age.

The taxpayer must have worked and earned less than $23,050 of taxable and nontaxable income. Taxable earned income includes wages, salaries, tips, net earnings from self-employment, long-term disability benefits received prior to the minimum retirement age, and union strike benefits.

Nontaxable earned income includes the value of meals or lodging provided for the convenience of the employer, excludable dependent care benefits, voluntary salary reductions such as a cafeteria plan, and anything else of value that you get from someone for services you performed even if not taxable. Most importantly for military personnel, nontaxable earned income includes basic allowance for quarters and subsistence, regardless of whether the individual lived in government quarters. For this reason, soldiers with the rank of E-5 and below are generally the only soldiers eligible for the credit.

Individuals claiming the earned income credit must file a Form 1040 or 1040A and complete Schedule EIC. The taxpayer claiming the credit can use any filing status except married filing separately.

The earned income credit consists of three separate credits: the basic credit, the health insurance credit, and the extra credit for children born in 1993. The amount of the basic credit depends on the number of qualifying children. The health insurance credit may be claimed if the taxpayer paid for health insurance for the qualifying child. The extra credit for a child born in 1993 is an additional credit that may be claimed for a child born in 1993.

Taxpayers may claim each of the three credits for a child born in 1993. However, taxpayers who claim the extra credit for a child born in 1993 cannot claim the credit for child and dependent care expenses for that child.

For more information on the earned income credit or to determine whether you are eligible, see Publication 595, Earned Income Credit, or contact the Presidio Tax Center at **561-2829**. The Presidio Tax Center provides free state and federal income tax preparation and electronic filing for soldiers, family members and retirees. The Tax Center is located in Building 223 and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Automotive Service Certification

If you are a soldier with two years of hands-on experience in auto/truck repair, collision repair or as an engine machinist, you are invited to contact a counselor at the Presidio Education Center and learn about ASE certification. The certification tests, which also carry college credit, take place May 5-12, and must be ordered by Feb. 28. Soldiers in certain MOS's pay reduced fees. Please call **561-2974/4445** for information.

Commissary, O' Club closure

The Commissary and the Presidio Officers' Club will be closed Tuesday in observance of the President's Day holiday.

Leave donation request

Mr. Donald L. Abbott, an employee with the Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison, is experiencing a medical emergency. Mr. Abbott, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, at **561-3780**.

Presidio Wine Glasses

The second order of Presidio of San Francisco wine glasses can be picked up from Maj. Irvin or 1st Lt. Watson at Bldg. 39, Room 232. Please bring packing and carrying materials, as these cannot be provided. Phone **561-3348/2386** for information.

GRE Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given at 7:30 a.m., April 14, at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time, but you must order your examination in person by March 9. For information, contact an education counselor at **561-2974/4445**.

Columbia College course offerings

Soldiers and family members planning to attend Columbia College during the March through May eight-week term may register at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 28 and March 1. Those soldiers using tuition assistance should have completed the TA paperwork before the registration dates. The following classes will meet at the Education Center one evening per week, 6 to 11 p.m., March 21 - May 14. Course offerings are: General Sociology, Legislative Process, and Speech Communication (public speaking). For details see an education counselor at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216, or phone **561-4445**.

Aetna update

Beneficiaries who enrolled in CHAMPUS PRIME during September through December 1933 and have not received a letter confirming enrollment need to contact the Letterman U.S. Army Health ClinicPatient Service Center at **561-4509** or the Aetna CHAMPUS Service Center at **561-0650**.

Beneficiaries who had Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic listed as their Primary Care Manager (PCM) under Foundation Health may continue with Letterman under the new Aetna contract. However, a civilian provider must be selected by April 1 for pediatrics and June 1 for adults. All military beneficiaries may continue to use Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic until that time. If this is not reflected in your letter from Aetna, please contact the Patient Service Center. Until you receive your new membership card, your letter from Aetna will verify your membership. If you should need health care finder assistance after duty hours, please call **1-800-242-6788** for authorization to receive care.

Presidio Museum closure

The Presidio Museum, with its exhibits of Spanish, Mexican, Army, 1906 Earthquake and 1915 World's Fair history, will close for maintenance Feb. 23 to 25. The National Park Service, which now operates the museum, will refurbish the building inside and out. The museum building, the original Presidio hospital, dates from the 1850s.

The museum will reopen Feb. 26 and resume its regular hours, Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with National Park Service rangers on duty to answer questions about the Presidio and guide visitors. It is located at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Funston Avenue in the Presidio's main post. For information call **(415) 556-0865**.

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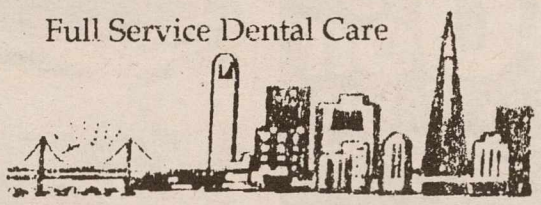

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Boy Scout Week celebrated here

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

The members of Boy Scout Troop 77 and Cub Scout Pack 77, Presidio of San Francisco, celebrated Scout Week with activities around the post.

Scout Week recognizes the 84-year history of Scouting in the United States.

Nine Scouts served as acolytes or ushers Feb. 6 during the Protestant service in the Main Post Chapel.

The Boy Scouts provided the flag detail for the retreat ceremony Feb. 9 at the flag pole on Pershing Square. With some assistance provided by the MPs of Law Enforcement Company, the Scouts fired the cannon, then lowered and folded the flag to complete the ceremony.

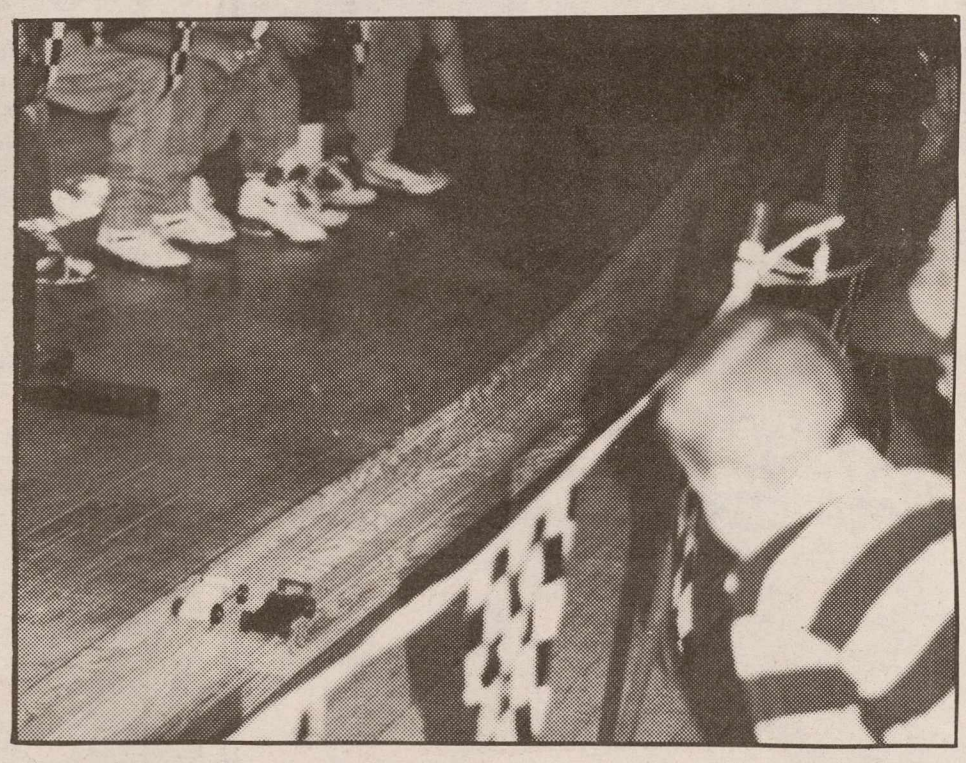
To end the week the Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby in the Scout Hut, Building 1331. The derby featured homemade cars built by the boys and weighted to certain tolerances. The cars were raced down a long wooden plank to the finish line.

The Boy Scouts were first incorporated in the United States in 1910. Cub Scouting began in 1931. The Cub Scouts are also celebrating 50-year presence on the Presidio. The Boy Scouts have been represented on the Presidio since the early 1930s.

Aided by MPs from Law Enforcement Company, members of Presidio Scout Troop 77 fold the flag after the Feb. 9 retreat ceremony.

Staff Sgt. Scott Beecher, cubmaster, presents first place awards to the owners of the fastest cars. Sgt. 1st Class Margie Pelerin, a den leader, stood in for her son.

Car owners have their vehicles checked for proper weight. Owners of cars with that were too heavy had to shave the excess weight before racing.



Two pinewood projects hurtle toward the finish line, under the watchful eye of an enthusiastic audience.

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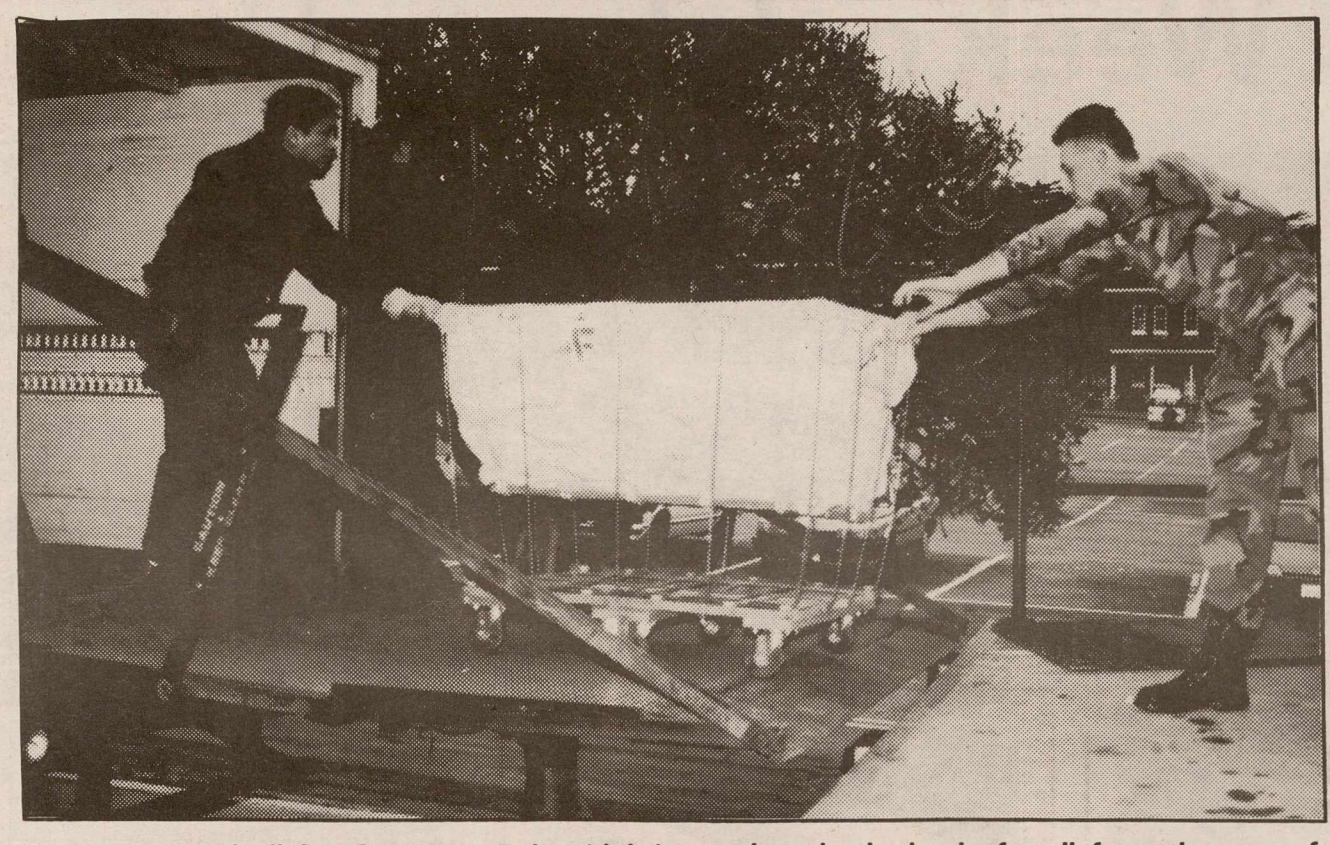
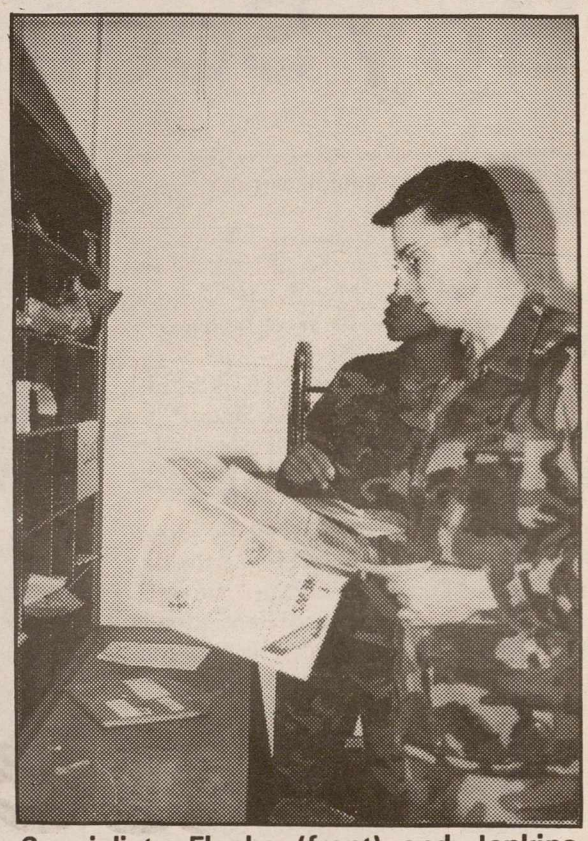
"Regardless of anything, people should work together despite color or religious beliefs," he concluded. "Everyone should respect other people, their rights and their opinions."

Woodson, who helped change history, is proud of his contributions and the challenges he overcame.

"I can't help but be proud, not only because I served my country, but because I was one of the first black soldiers to serve with white soldiers, and just look at the world today," the 66-year-old said. "I look around here and see black and white people together. The Officers' Club is open to all -- both black and white. It wasn't like that years ago. I think I helped make this happen. I helped end segregation and racism, and I helped make life better for all black people."



By dawn's early light, Spc. Don Roles (right) tugs in a basketload of mail from the rear of a U.S. Postal Service truck.



Specialists Flachs (front) and Jenkins (rear) fill unit mail bins with the latest deliveries.

Mail and Distribution delivers

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

"Did I get any mail?"

One of the first things a soldier in a new unit wants to know is where to pick up his mail. The soldiers who handle that arduous task for the Presidio can be found in the west side of Building 34.

That's the location for the Installation Mail and Distribution section of the Directorate of Information Management.

Mail and Distribution receives an average of 20,000 pieces of mail each week, said Staff Sgt. Scott Reed, mailroom supervisor. This is on top of the 5,000 to 7,000 pieces of outgoing mail handled each week.

The five mailroom soldiers begin each day at 7 a.m. receiving the mail, sorting it by unit and/or by name and preparing mail to be picked up by unit mail clerks. Later, the soldiers will deliver other mail to offices and directorates on post here and prepare bundles to be shipped to Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Dublin, Calif., and to other Sixth Army reserve units. Any mail that must be metered before delivery is metered here for the proper charges.

Mail and Distribution also handles post interoffice distribution and the post locator service. These soldiers' jobs aren't one dimensional.

Not only are they responsible for getting the mail to its proper destination, Mail and Distribution's soldiers also redirect mail to forwarding addresses. If necessary, mail is returned to the sender. This includes mail sent here by mistake.

"We receive mail for San Francisco International Airport all of the time," Reed said. Earlier, one of his soldiers had a letter adressed to U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein of California. Reed said some mail gets sent here because people want to send something to an official agency but can't remember the correct ZIP code. They use the Presidio's because of the post's government ties.

It's not uncommon for these soldiers to perform more than one job.

For instance, Sgt. Angela Cotton-Holmes wears two hats. She not only works in the mailroom, she's also the mail clerk for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Headquarters Command Battalion.

Soldiers on post have a role to play in this as well.

To help the mail system operate smoothly, each new soldier must inprocess at Mail and Distribution and fill in a Department of the Army form 3955, Change of Address and Directory card. This lets Mail and Distribution's employees know where the soldier is, and thus where to send his mail.

If a current address or change of address is not on file, all personal mail will be stamped "RETURN TOSENDER."

Change of address cards are needed for soldiers tranisitioning to new duty stations or to civilian life, as well.

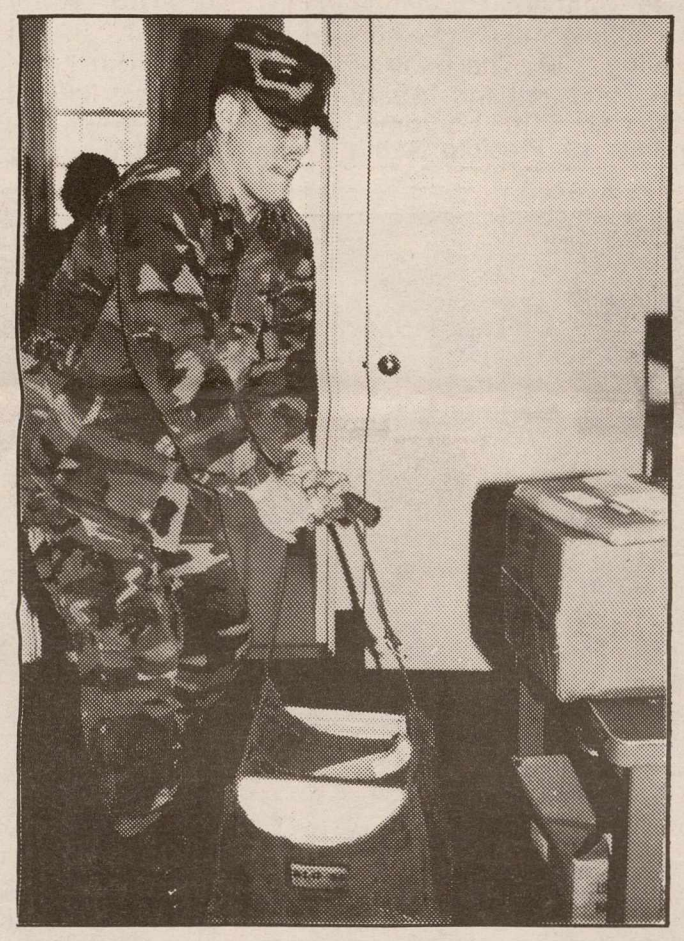
"Sixty days prior to leaving, the soldier needs to submit a change of address card. It takes about two months for a change of address to take effect on second class mail, such as magazine subscriptions," said Spc. Randy Piontkowski, mail clerk.

Soldiers can help lighten the mailroom's load by not receiving personal mail at the job site.

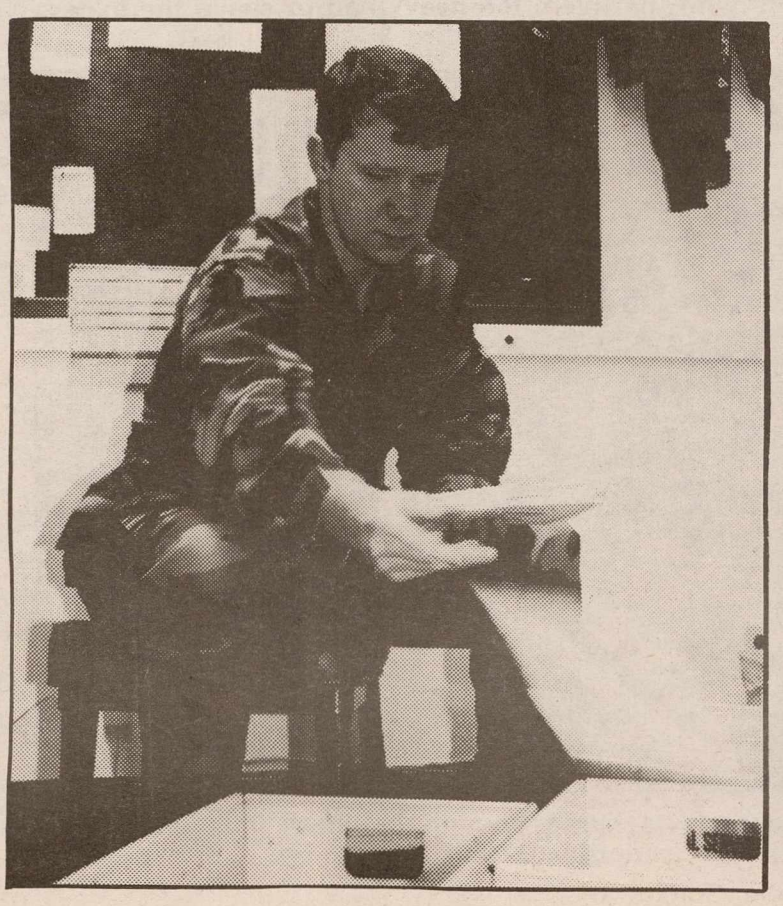
A soldier has a maximum of 60 days to receive personal mail and magazine subscriptions at his office, after which it must be received at his quarters or his unit. The time spent sorting and delivering personal mail to offices can be better spent delivering properly addressed mail to soldiers and activities, Reed said.

If a soldier has not established a resident address prior to the 60 day timeframe, all personal mail will be returned to the sender.

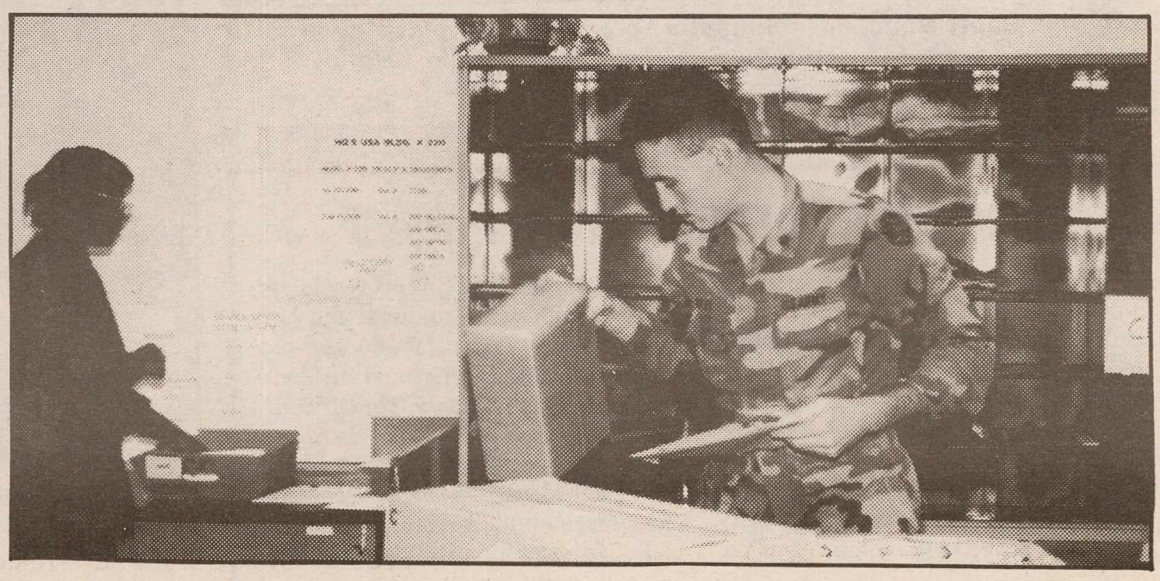
Mail and Distribution is open for soldiers to pick up or drop off official mail from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. For personal mail, mail call is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday. For questions about mail service, call Mail and Distribution at **561-3002**.



Hoisting a load, Spc. Piontkowski drops off a satchelful of mail to an office on post.

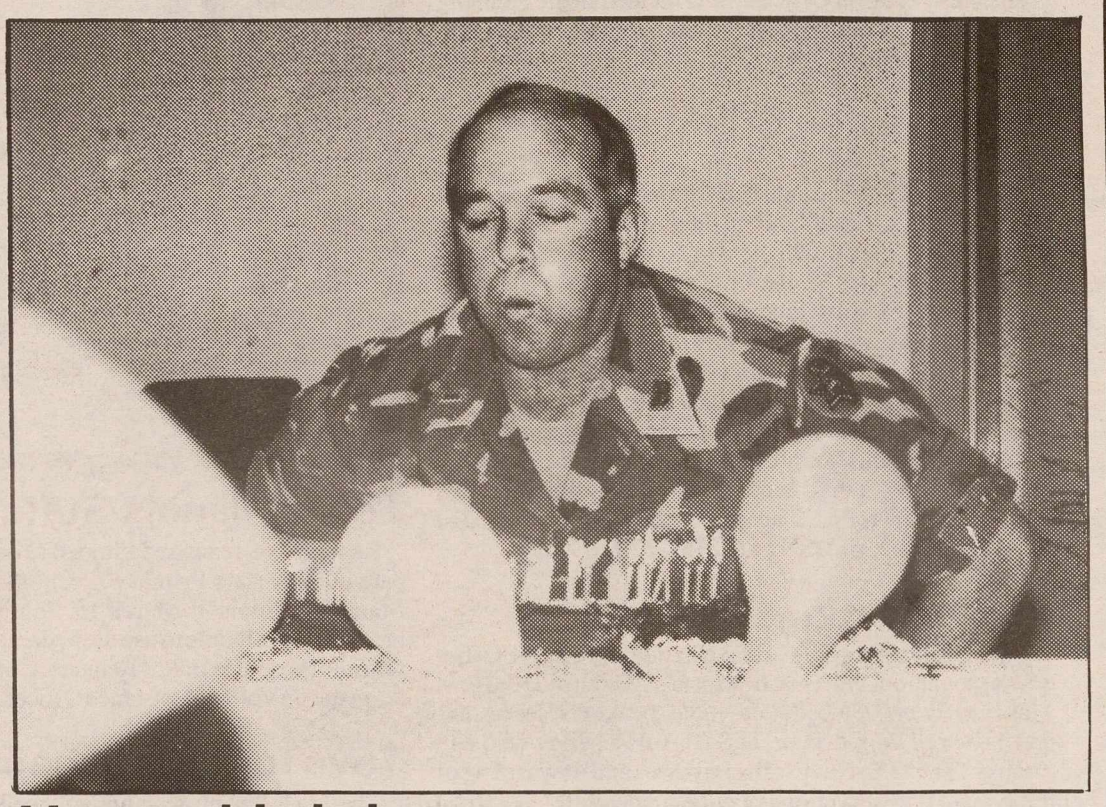


Staff Sgt. Reed sorts the redirected mail.



Specialists Angela Cotton-Holmes and Don Roles unload the morning mail.

Faces, people around the post

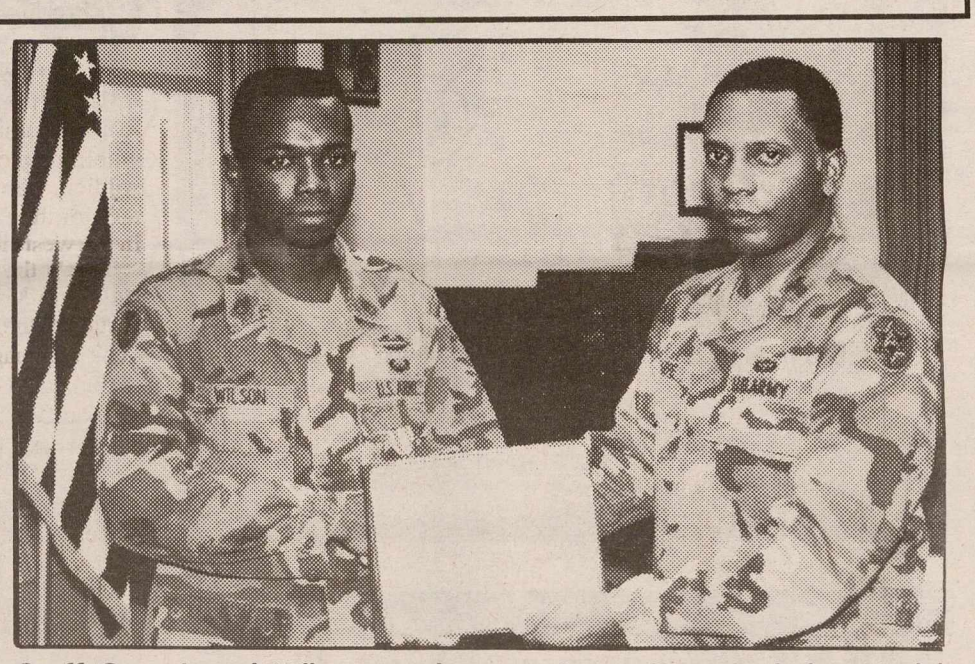


Happy birthday

Chief Warrant Officer Orville Gannon Jr., bandmaster, Sixth U.S. Army Band, tries to extinguish a chocolate covered conflagration Feb. 11 in the band's practice room in Building 100. The band surprised him with a party and presents that prominently featured the '49ers logo. He quickly caught on that everyone knew it was his 49th birthday.

Bay Area TSC photo by Charles Blancet

With his wife Kendra by his side, Spc. David Singer reenlists as his son Brandon makes sure the attention is focused on the right person. Singer drives for Col. Gregory A. Renn, garrison commander.



Staff Sgt. Jerord Wilson receives an Army Commendation Medal from Capt. Tracy Sharpe, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. A former Ceremonial Platoon soldier, Wilson was a specialist when he arrived at the Presidio two years ago. Wilson's new unit will be in Korea.

Alicia Adams receives the corporal stripes she earned while managing functions for the administrative section of the Secretary of the General's Staff office.

Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Spc. Adrienne D. Story, Sixth Army and Presidio Soldier of the Year, receive their tickets for the Shades of Green grand opening at Disnery World, Orlando, Fla.

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Navy Liaison Office relocation

The Navy Liaison Office is now located in the Housing Office, Bldg. 227. The phone number remains the same -- **(415) 561-4156.**

Pretransition Briefing slated

The Military Personnel Division (MPD) at the Presidio of San Francisco will conduct a pretransition briefing at the Presidio Audio/Visual Center, Bldg. 603, March 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Topics will include veterans' benefits, employment assistance, property shipment, legal assistance, travel entitlements, and outprocessing procedures designed to assist in making the transition to civilian life as simple as possible. In accordance with Army Regulation 635-10, soldiers scheduled to separate and/or departing for transition (terminal) leave prior to separation between March and December this year (except retiring) from the Army MUST ATTEND this mandatory pretransition briefing. Point of contact is Spc. Lucas at MPD, commercial **(415) 561-2151/3297**, or DSN **586-2151/3297**.

ROA meeting scheduled

The next meeting of Presidio Chapter 6, Reserve Officers' Association, will be at 6:30 p.m., March 3, at the Fort Mason Officers' Club. The keynote speaker is Rear Adm. (ret.) Russell W. Gorman, U.S. Naval Reserve, who will discuss "The U.S. Navy in the Bay Area and downsizing of the Navy." Reservations may be made with Col. (ret.) Angus Loop, 30 Hacienda Lane, El Sobrante, Calif., 94803, or phone **(510) 223-1000** for information.

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Feb. 26 - The Air up There (PG)
Feb. 27 - Ghost In The Machine (R)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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Texas, Illinois State Primaries

Residents of Texas and Illinois are encouraged to participate in their state Primary Elections. Texas' election is March 9; Illinois' is March 15. Soldiers and their family members are eligible to use the Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot Request. Contact your unit First Sergeant or Voting Assistance Officer.

Toys for Tots benefit run

The Irish Sprint is an annual benefit 5-mile fun run, established in 1979, with all race profits being donated to the Toys for Tots program. The Toys for Tots program is a Marine Corps Reserve-sponsored activity aimed to collect toys during the Christmas holidays for distribution to underprivileged children. The Irish Sprint is managed by the Peninsula Chapter of the Marine Corps Reserve Officer Association. The Irish theme was introduced at the inception of the race in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

The race committee anticipates more than 3,000 runners in this year's event. Your support of this year's Irish Sprint will ensure a successful run and Toys for Tots benefit.

The Irish Sprint begins at 10 a.m., March 12 (the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day), at Lake Merced, Calif. Entry forms are available at Post Gym No. 1.

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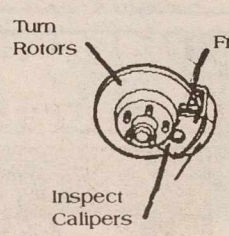

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Power outages, roof repairs scheduled on post

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

In order to correctly adjust the relay system, a power outage will be necessary on Saturday, Feb. 26. The following quarters/administration buildings will be affected by a power outage for approximately 10 hours, starting at about 8 a.m. and ending about 6 p.m.: 63, 67, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030.

The following list of quarters/administration buildings will experience a power outage of approximately four hours the same day, according to this schedule:

8 a.m. - noon: 311, 312, 314, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 385, 386, 387, 401, 402, 403, 404, 406, 407, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 428, 432, 434.

Noon - 4 p.m.: 92, 93 (Bowling Center), 99 (Theatre), 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 211 (Burger King).

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience. For information, please call me at **561-3711**.

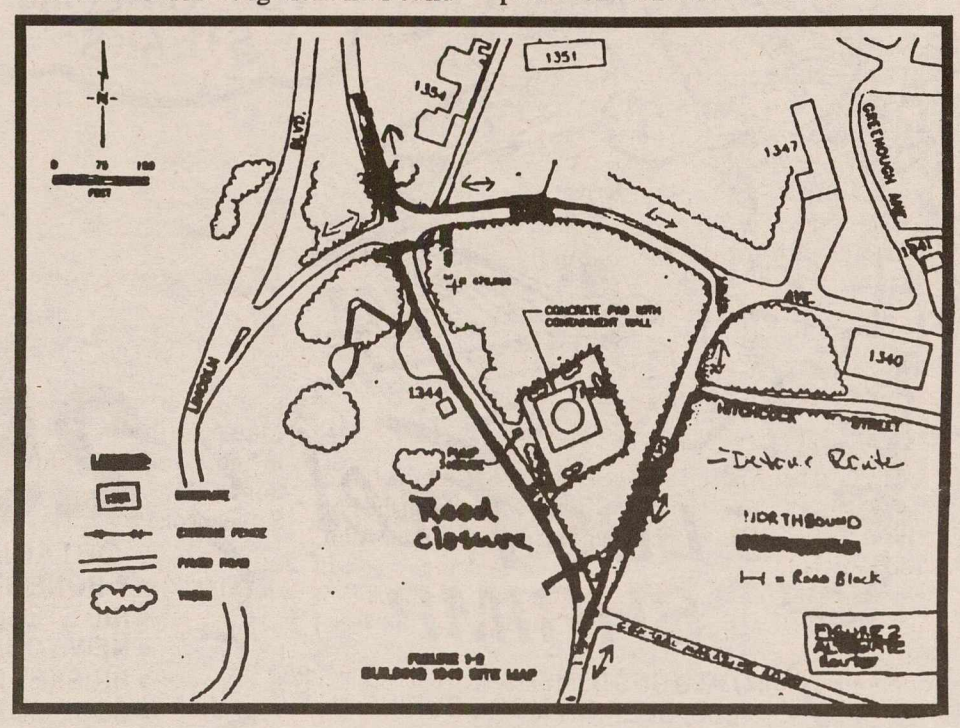
Enterprise Roofing Service, Inc., has been contracted to repair or replace the roofs of the following buildings, weather permitting, beginning immediately: 2, 37, 87, 93, 97, 108, 118, 282, 385, 639, 640, 933, 1006, 1047, 1051, 1055, 1060, 1062, 1063, 1076, 1163, 1167, 1182, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1216, 1217, 1219, 1224, 1231, 1299, 1773. Buildings will not be completed chronologically.

Notice will be given to building tenants to allow ample time to prepare. The roof removal process is often loud and may cause vibrations throughout the building. Photographs and paintings which are simply hung on a nail should be removed to prevent the possibility of them being shaken loose and damaged. Computers or other dust-sensitive equipment should be covered if there is no drop ceiling or suspended T-bar type ceiling to catch the dust that often sifts through wooden roof decks. It may be necessary to park in a different location to avoid damage to automobiles and to allow the roofing contractor access to the roof's edge to better remove debris.

All personal items around the building should be removed to ensure against any damage caused by falling debris. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for the control of their children and pets while the contractor is in the area.

For information, contact Emet Ilejay, Contracting Officer's Representative, at **561-6000**.

Montgomery Watson will be conducting environmental investigations near buildings 1349, Fort Scott, Monday through Feb. 24, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The temporary street closure to accommodate this will be on Washington Boulevard between Harrison Avenue and Kobbe Avenue. Please refer to the map for detour route. For information, please contact David Wilkins at **561-4067**.



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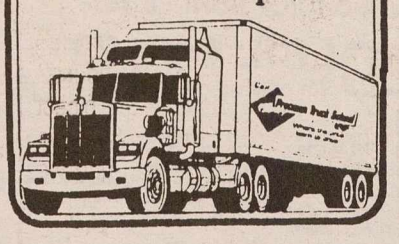

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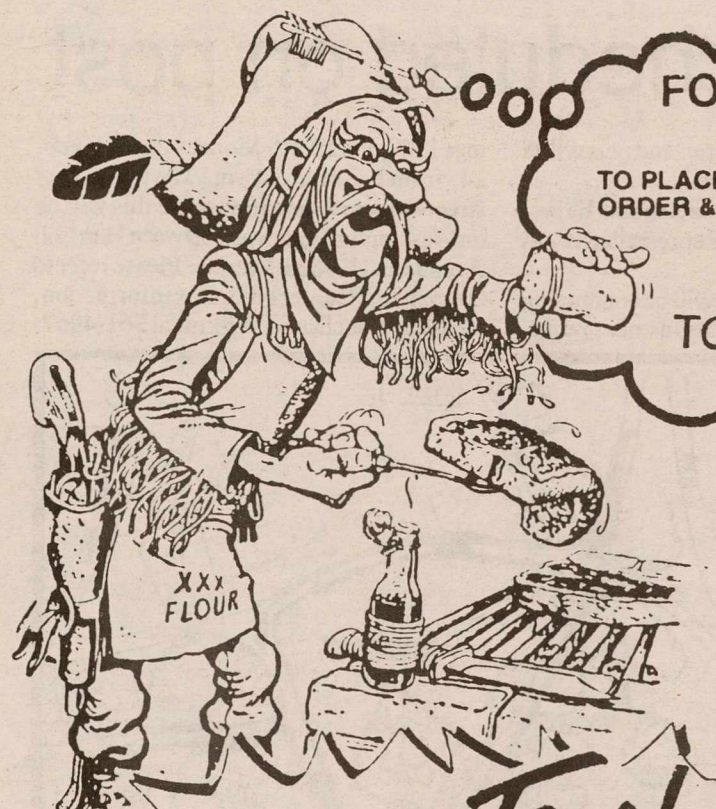

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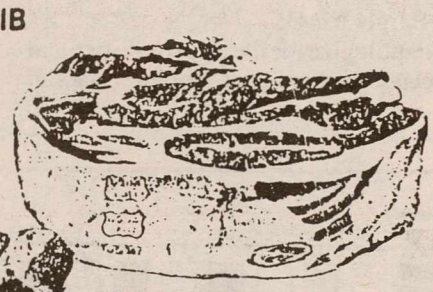

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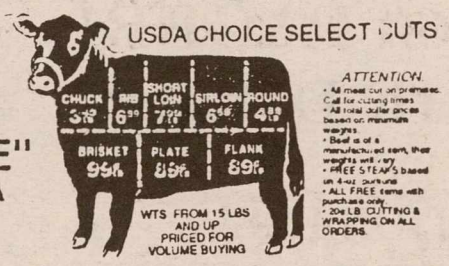

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Intramural basketball approaches end

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Four games remain in the post's intramural season. FBI will host USAG #I and Sixth Recruiting Brigade will meet Law Enforcement Company Tuesday in Gym No. 1. Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will take on USAG #II and FBI will battle Sixth Rctg. Bde. Thursday.

LEC 58
USAG #I 59

USAG #I managed to squeak past LEC 59-58 Feb. 8 in a come-from-behind victory in Gym No. 1. USAG's Jay Thomas scored 13 point in the second half to help his team overcome a 30-27 first-half deficit. Teammate Harter scored 10 points in the first half.

USAG #II 61
SIXTH RECRIUTING BDE 46

Sixth Rctg. Bde. trailed by one point at halftime, 25-24, but was unable to answer the bell in the second half Feb 8. Meanwhile, USAG hit 11 of 18 free throws in the second half and coasted on to the victory.

USAG #II 67
FBI 59

This Feb. 10 game was a throw-back to blacktop days. Not because of the play, but because of the electronic clock—there wasn't one. It was broken while being used by Gallileo High School for one of its games.

This didn't help FBI any, as the team watched USAG's 32-30 half-time lead expand as time flew by.

Sgt. Pamela Allen had to keep time with a stopwatch, count down the seconds out loud so the players would know the time left on the shot clock, and blow her own whistle to indicate the stoppage of time. FBI may want to launch its own investigation.

The LUSAHC/LEC game was canceled.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

USAG #II's Donnell Warren rises above two FBI defenders Feb. 10 in the game that featured Sgt. Pamela Allen imitating a clock. Warren finished the game with 20 points, including 12 points in the first half.

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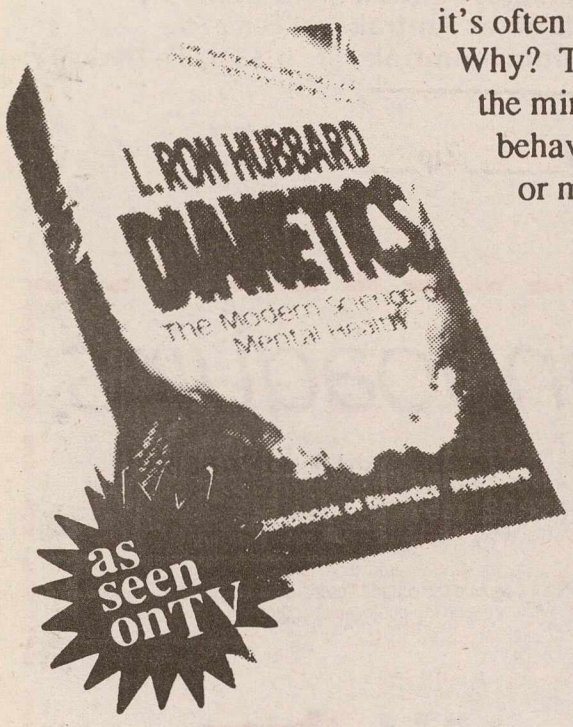

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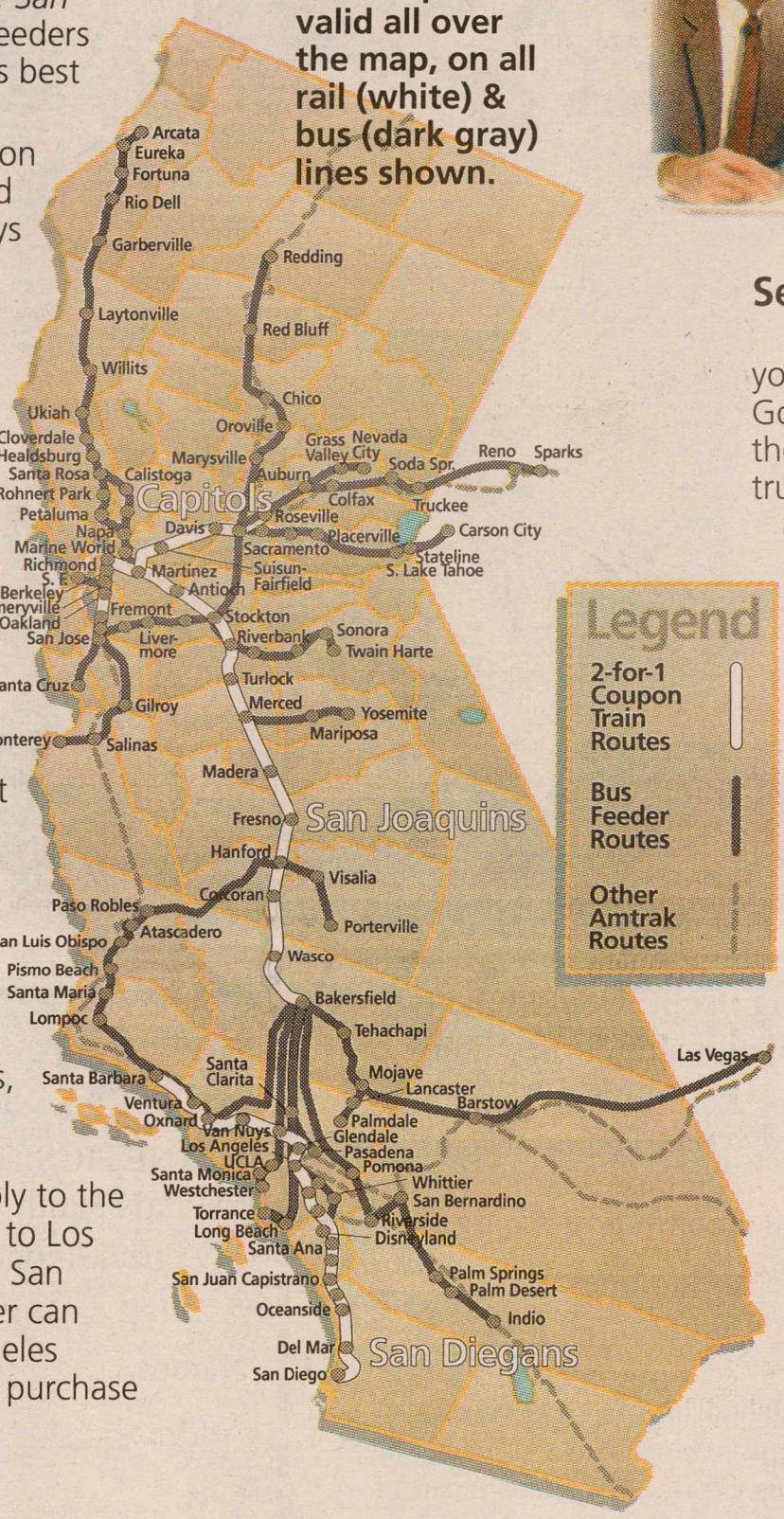

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The Honorable Joe R. Reeder, under Secretary of the Army, discussed base closure, retiree concerns and the future of the Army at a luncheon held in his honor at the Presidio Officers' Club Feb. 18. Reeder also discussed the future of the Army.

Army Under Secretary addresses Presidians

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Under Secretary of the Army Joe R. Reeder visited the Presidio of San Francisco Feb. 18 as part of his 10-day orientation visit to Army activities in the Pacific. At a luncheon held in his honor at the Presidio Officer's Club, Reeder discussed his greatest challenge "on the job" and where the Army is going as it moves into the future.

"Today's Army is modernizing, upgrading, educating, becoming proactive to change, leading and rewriting doctrine in a positive way.

"Our toughest challenge today is to implement new doctrine, while understanding history and being responsive to Americans . . . the people who vote," Reeder remarked.

In discussing history, Reeder stated that prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, 75 percent of Americans did not want to become involved in World War II.

"I truly believe that if we had not gone to the aid of our allies, they would not have prevailed," he said.

Reeder also answered questions from the audience on topics ranging from local concerns ("With the downsizing in the Bay Area, how will appropriate military honors be rendered?") to global issues ("What went wrong in Somalia?"). He also responded to concerns about recruiting.

"The turmoil following Operation Desert Storm is coming to an end," he said. "We now have an established end-strength of 505,000, so that should help. Young people need to see the Army as a future."

Reeder, a West Point Graduate and Vietnam-era veteran, said that today's soldiers are vastly superior in talent and motivation to those with whom he served.

The purpose of Reeder's trip was to enable him to gain a better understanding and appreciation for America's Army and the challenges associated with various types of assignments; to visit with soldiers and commanders; and to see and understand the challenges associated with closing an installation.

Reeder's focus here was on base closure, quality of life, retiree concerns, training and the roles and missions of the Army National Guard and Army Reserves.

After visiting the Presidio of San Francisco and Fort Ord, Calif., Reeder will visit Korea, Singapore, and the Johnston Atoll. Korea will be Reeder's first overseas stop, where he will visit commanders and soldiers assigned to U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) and the 2nd Infantry Division. His primary focus will be to get a first-hand perspective of the quality of life and missions of the soldiers assigned to Korea. While in Korea, he will also meet the officials from the Republic of Korea to discuss Security Assistance and Foreign Military Sales Programs.

In Singapore, Reeder will represent the United States Army at the Asian Aerospace '94.

His next stop will be at Johnston Atoll to visit the Johnston Atoll Chemical Demilitarization System, the prototype facility for eliminating the United States chemical stockpile. The purpose of this visit is to increase his knowledge about the chemical demilitarization program.

Before returning to Washington, Reeder will visit Army units in Hawaii.

Commentary

Society's 'winning' attitude sugarcoats real problems

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

I think I'm the only person in the nation who isn't concerned with how many gold medals the Olympic figure skaters bring home. I don't think those are the victories with which we, as a society, should be concerning ourselves.

Maybe it's because I prefer the Summer Olympics; I'm much more interested in equestrian events than figure skating. Maybe it's because the judge hearing the case in Oregon City, Ore., is the one who married my soon-to-be-ex-husband and me. Maybe it's because I am disgusted by the "win at any cost" idea that athletics seem to promote instead of the "win as a team" idea that they allegedly foster. Whatever the reason, I am tired of hearing about Nancy and Tonya.

I don't even have to write their last names. You know who they are. The newspapers are making a big deal about them meeting in public and how peaceful it was. As though these two adult females would scream, kick and pull hair. And as though there was nothing more important to worry about in all of the world.

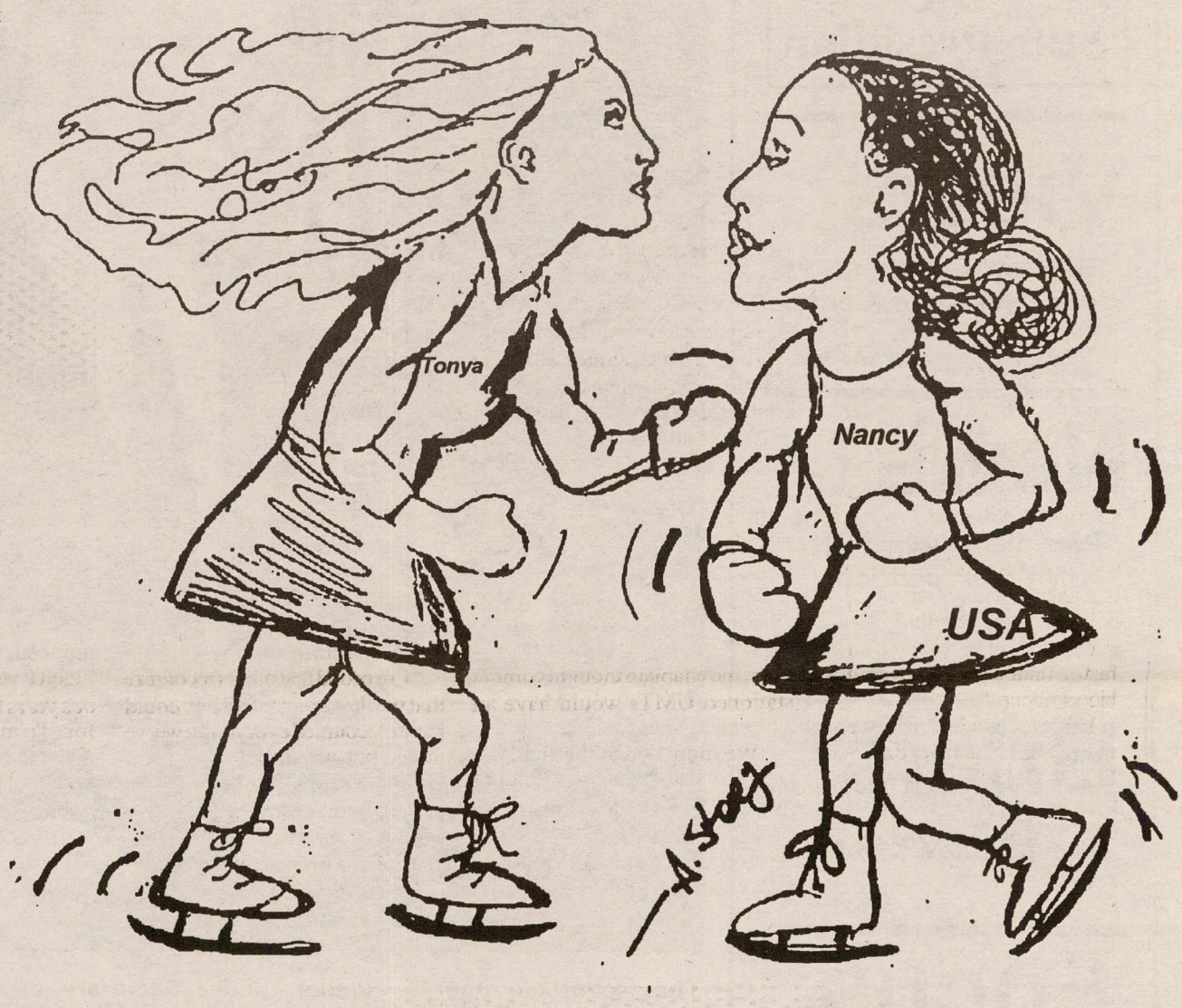
Yes, some of the news these days seems a little trivial. I find it hard to get excited about the impending financial doom of EuroDisney. I don't care whether or not Heidi Fleiss slept through the Northridge earthquake. I'm worried about things that don't make it to the newspapers or the six o'clock broadcast.

I'm worried about what I'll do for a living when the Presidio closes; I'm not alone in that one. All of the U.S. Army Garrison employees have received "certificates of expected separation." I guess that gesture was intended to soften the blow of the coming RIF notice.

I'm worried about homeless people. About battered women. About chemically dependent people. About people with AIDS. About Vietnam veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. About abandoned, abused animals.

I'm **not** worried about whether Tonya will get endorsements or whether her biography will outsell Nancy's. I don't care how Tonya takes her coffee (black -- it was on the front page of the morning paper, for crying out loud).

The whole Nancy-Tonya thing illustrates what's wrong with society, for me. We care more about "winning" than about helping others. And it doesn't matter what dastardly deeds are committed in the name of victory. That's why I think Nancy and Tonya are at the center of this storm; winning is everything in our society. No matter how we try



to justify it or sugarcoat it, that's what's going on.

Look at some of our jokes, like "he who dies with the most toys wins." As a society, we don't worry about whether or not the people with AIDS have any "toys." Or whether the homeless have blankets and coats -- only whether they move into our neighborhoods and prove that not everybody succeeds.

Until we all wake up and worry about helping the downtrodden emerge victorious over chemical dependency, domestic violence, disease, homelessness and so on, I don't think we have any business worrying about how many gold medals our team wins. We all lose by not caring about others.

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Presidio team named best at FORSCOM competition

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Two Presidians were racing against other teams, but they continue to strive forward keeping pace together and were faster than the rest. They were named the best team in Forces Command.

Chaplain (Capt.) Randall C. Dolinger and his assistant Cpl. Marina Urroz won the unit ministry team competition for their accomplishments from December 1992 through December 1993. After winning the post competition, the two were judged at FORSCOM on team effectiveness, physical fitness, unity, single soldier, family member, garrison and field ministry, cooperation with other UMTs and pastoral care.

"It's like riding a tandem bike. You have to keep pace with the other person," Dolinger said about working as a team. "Sometimes one person may want to go at a faster pace than the other, but they need to slow down to stay together. Ultimately the tandem bike team is faster than a person riding a bicycle alone."

Dolinger and Urroz were riding the fastest bike in FORSCOM. Because of their team work and love for their jobs, Dolinger and Urroz stood out above the rest.

"It's all attitude. Other UMTs have the opportunity and support to make things happen, but they don't go after it," Urroz said. "I love being a chaplains assistant. I don't always think of my job as work."

The Presidio Unit Ministry Team accomplished several things to support the community.

They planned and coordinated a white water training event, conducted sessions for sole parents, held a sole parent retreat, marriage enrichment retreat and ski retreat and charged several special programs to support the downsizing community.

"There are other good UMTs, but they probably didn't do what we've done as a team. Some may not have had the opportunity to do as much as we've done," said Dolinger, who admitted that he gave high fives when he heard the competition results. "The fact is that we have a chain of command that cares. They gave us the opportunity, money and support to do all these activities. They've encouraged us more at the Presidio, I think, than anywhere."

Dolinger put the packet which went to FORSCOM together. He knew the packet looked good; however, the chaplain thought combat stationed UMTs would have an advantage.

"We didn't go to the field because of where we are. I thought maybe they would look at the packet and say, 'Ahh. Presidio.' and toss it to the side," Dolinger explained. "I'm still the same person and I'm doing my job no matter where I'm at or what unit I'm in. This is what the great thing is for me--being recognized for the job you did."

Urroz never competed in the UMT competition before this year. She admitted, she didn't know what to expect and felt their chances were slim.

"I really didn't think we would win. I thought go ahead and do the packet for fun," the dark-eyed corporal said. "This was my first exposure to the competition. I didn't know what to expect or how they graded.

"I couldn't believe it when Chaplain [Jerry] Mize told me we won. I thought he was kidding," said Urroz, who is a mother of two. "I thought is he really telling the truth? I was waiting for him to tell me he was just kidding. I still don't believe it."

Dolinger, who lights up when he mentions the competition, said they weren't in the competition for the awards. Most of their activities were completed before they even knew they would be competing. The father of three says the best reward is the appreciation he receives from the soldiers.

"I'm proud that others recognize that we do a good job. They could have discounted everything we've done, but we didn't let them," Dolinger said as he gleamed with pride. "Urroz deserves recognition for what she does. She was in charge of a program that a major did last year. Most assistants don't do the magnitude of work she does."

Spc. Adrienne Story

Cpl. Marina Urroz and Chaplain (Capt.) Randall Dolinger won the unit ministry team competition at Forces Command. They will compete at the Army-wide level for the Chief of Chaplains UMT title.

"It was nice that they recognized us for our hard work," Urroz said. "I felt I've done more in the previous years that I wasn't recognized for. To me it wasn't a big deal to make the corsages for Mothers' Day, but it was a big deal when I carried a typewriter when I was 8 1/2 months pregnant. It's nice to feel appreciated."

Now the best team in FORSCOM will compete at the Army wide level for Chief of Chaplains UMT.

"If we win there it will be the icing on the cake," Dolinger said.

"I think winning FORSCOM is a big deal," Urroz concluded. "I think, Wow! We won. Now I have a different attitude. We have FORSCOM now we're going to win Chief of Chaplains."

Tax corner

Electronic filing process offers major advantages

Each year on April 15, the evening news programs inevitably carry coverage of taxpayers rushing to the post office to mail their tax returns.

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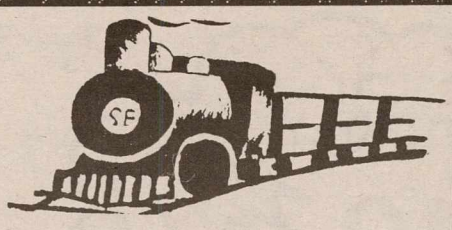

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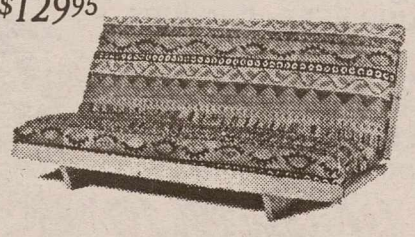

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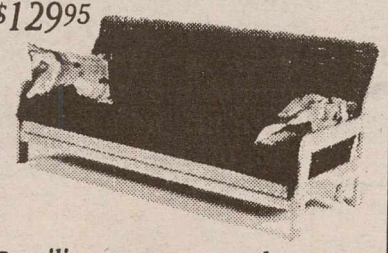

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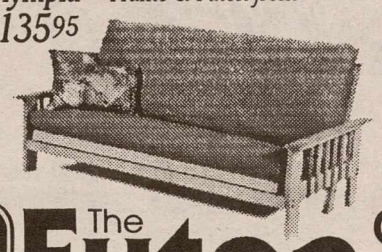

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GRE Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given at 7:30 a.m., Apr 14, at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time, but you must order your examination in person by March 9. For information, contact an education counselor at **561-2974/4445**.

Columbia College course offerings

Soldiers and family members planning to attend Columbia College during the March through May eight-week term may register at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. Those soldiers using tuition assistance should have completed the TA paperwork before the registration dates. The following classes will meet at the Education Center one evening per week, 6 to 11 p.m., March 21 - May 14. Course offerings are: General Sociology, Legislative Process, and Speech Communication (public speaking). For details see an education counselor at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216, or phone **561-4445**.

Volunteers needed at Fort Mason

The National Park Service Western Region Information Center is seeking volunteers to work at its scenic Fort Mason site. Volunteers assist park rangers in providing information and travel advice to visitors from all over the world. Help Australians, English, French, Japanese, and travelers from many other nations discover Yosemite, Joshua Tree, Hawaii Volcanoes, and the other diversely beautiful parks of the West!

This volunteer position is excellent for retired people or any individual who wants to be a part of the National Park system. "I love learning about the many parks and the people who work in them. Also, there's something special about working with a ranger," said Jeanne Yee, a longtime volunteer at the Center.

Located in upper Fort Mason, overlooking the San Francisco Bay between the Marina and Ghirardelli Square, the Western Region Information Center sits in the headquarters of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The building is a hub of activity, and can be reached through multiple bus lines, including the 28, 30, 42, 47 and 49.

Openings are available for two to four hour shifts on weekdays. A complete orientation to the Information Center, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the National Park Service will be provided by rangers and staff. Call **556-3535** for an application.

Relocation of Navy Liaison Office

The Navy Liaison Office is now located in the Housing Office, Bldg. 227. The phone number remains the same -- **(415) 561-4156**.

Mandatory Pretransition Briefing

The Military Personnel Division (MPD) at the Presidio of San Francisco will conduct a pretransition briefing at the Presidio Audio/Visual Center, Bldg. 603, March 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Topics will include veterans' benefits, employment assistance, property shipment, legal assistance, travel entitlements, and outprocessing procedures designed to assist in making the transition to civilian life as simple as possible. In accordance with Army Regulation 635-10, soldiers schedule to separate and/or departing for transition (terminal) leave prior to separation between March and December this year (except retiring) from the Army MUST ATTEND this mandatory pretransition briefing. Point of contact is Spc. Lucas at MPD, commercial **(415) 561-2151/3297**, or DSN **586-2151/3297**.

ROA meeting scheduled

The next meeting of Presidio Chapter 6, Reserve Officers' Association, will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Fort Mason Officers' Club. The keynote speaker is Rear Adm. (ret.) Russell W. Gorman, U.S. Naval Reserve, who will discuss "The U.S. Navy in the Bay Area and downsizing of the Navy." Reservations may be made with Col. (ret.) Angus Loop, 30 Hacienda Lane, El Sobrante, Calif., 94803, or phone **(510) 223-1000** for information.

Texas, Illinois State Primaries

Residents of Texas and Illinois are encouraged to participate in their state Primary Elections. Texas' election is March 9; Illinois' is March 15. Soldiers and their family members are eligible to use the Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot Request. Contact your unit First Sergeant or Voting Assistance Officer.

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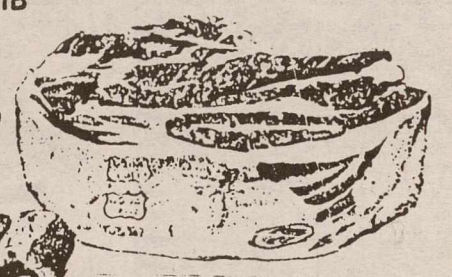

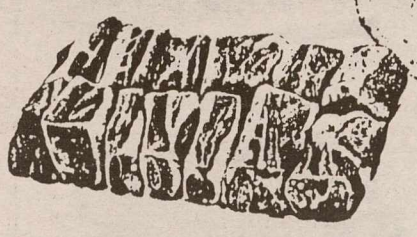

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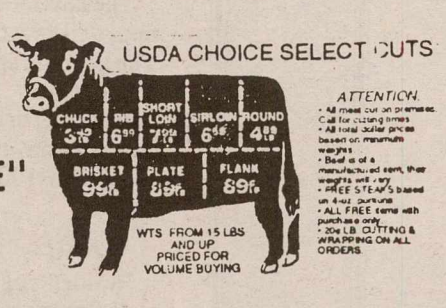

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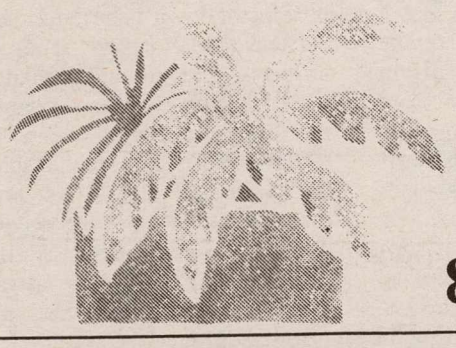

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Quake

Troops prepare, stage exercise

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Earthquake!

The Headquarters Command Battalion, Presidio of San Francisco staged an earthquake exercise Feb. 17 to educate officers, soldiers and directorate chiefs on the need for earthquake preparedness.

"Earthquake preparedness is one of our primary missions," said Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, battalion commander. "We wanted to exercise our roles in this situation." The situation could happen here as numerous faults cross the Bay Area.

The quake scenario called for the post to be able to respond to a cataclysmic emergency.

An earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter Scale hit the Bay Area at 8 a.m. Feb. 17 and left major destruction and extensive causualties in its wake. The quake lasted for 31 seconds and was felt as far away as Reno, Nev.

Earlier, a 5.2 quake shook early morning commuters and Bay Area households. Both quakes were centered near the University of California Sports Stadium along the Hayward Fault in the East Bay.

Thankfully, none of this ever happened. But it could.

In the event of an actual quake, Headquarters Company will conduct relief operations for the soldiers and family members of the Presidio, according to the Earthquake Response Plan developed by the battalion.

For the exercise, the battalion set up assembly areas on the parade field in front of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters Building 38 and on the athletic field at Fort Scott. The soldiers detailed to these areas were responsible for the accountability of soldiers and family members, providing temporary shelter and submitting casualty reports to the command center.

A Crisis Action Center was set up to handle the flow of information.

The theory was to get the survivors to assemble at one of the two locations to make a rapid accounting of casualties. Family members would be signed in on a roster, receive any necessary emergency medical treatment and assigned temporarily to an emergency shelter erected at the site.

Also, the battalion command provided the capability for damage assessment teams and search and rescue teams to be organized if the need arose.

The exercise allowed the battalion staff to employ the training principles outlined in Field Manual 25-101, Battle Focused Training.

The scenario required the key personnel to be assembled for a situation briefing in Building 220. Directorates were assigned realistic tasks that simulated the roles and responsibilities they'd have to provide services and support to the installation.

Capt. Jay Mallery, deputy director, Department of Public Works, said the earthquake exercise was an excellent training opportunity for DPW.

"We updated our operation plan and evaluated it at all levels, from the director down to the individual craftsmen," Mallery said. "The scenario was realistic and demanding. I think we're better prepared now for the real thing."

"Earthquakes are unpredictable. The earthquake plan is based on lessons learned from the recent Northridge Earthquake in Southern California," Smith said. "It was a systems check to make sure plans and procedures can be executed."

Morris, who echoed that assessment, planned and organized the garrison's and battalion's participation and updated the earthquake plan.

"As the operations officer for the Headquarters Command Battalion, one of my many responsibilities is to provide the garrison staff and the battalion's commanders and staff with a standardized system for executing emergency procedures if and when a crisis occurs affecting the Presidio," Morris said. "Organizing this exercise was a challenge for me; having to learn the vast roles and responsibilities of the garrison directorates and their level of support to the post was not an easy task.

"The position I hold is usually held by a captain or major," he continued. "I feel extremely fortunate working as the operations officer/director of this installation."

The Crisis Action Center was operated by a team of four soldiers and one civilian from Morris' battalion S-3 office. "Overall, the [the team] did an outstanding job. We were able to provide quality training for directorates and battalion commanders and staff," Morris said.

Smith said the National Park Service had a representative present in the EOC to observe the exercise, see how soldiers respond to such an emergency and determine what assistance and relief the Park Service will need to provide after the post's transition.

Since this is an earthquake zone it pays to be prepared. The exercise's after action report noted that many of the garrison's directorate chiefs are new as a result of transitions, which made the exercise and excellent training opportunity for the battalion staff as well as the directorates.

The exercise met the battalion's objective of integrating realistic and challenging scenario's into the exercise, allowing the post to train as it operate during an actual earthquake emergency. The battalion commander said he hopes to have more earthquake exercises during the year.

Members of the Sixth U.S. Army Band erect the emergency shelter for the earthquake exercise Feb. 17. The tent was positioned on the parade field in front of the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37.

Training success

Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, commander, Headuarters Command Battalion, goes over the exercise plan with 1st Lt. Lorenza Morris, operations officer, battalion S-3. Morris designed the exercise. Because this area is in a zone of high quake activity, Smith indicated there was a need to have more rehearsals for the possibility of future earthquakes in the area.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Armed forces resort opens

Army Sgt.Richard A. Kidd gives the command to cut the ribbon signifying the opeing of the Armed Forces recreation Center Shades of Green.

It took a fairy god mother to give Cinderella a place to stay on Walt Disney World. Most of us don't live in a fairy tale, but Uncle Sam has a wand of his own.

Shades of Green on Walt Disney World became the first Armed Forces Recreation Center in the continental United States. A Grand Opening ceremony was held Feb. 14 at the resort in Florida. All branches of the service were represented and Army Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Kidd was the guest speaker.

"With the downsizing of the military, 80 percent of service members are now stationed in the continental United States," Kidd said at the ceremony. "This is exactly what we needed."

The hotel offers first-class accommodations at affordable prices for active and retired military, reservists, all government civilian employees, and their guests.

The rooms contain two queen size beds, a hide-a bed, a small table and chairs, which can accommodate five adults. There are three swimming pools located around the resort, tennis courts, fitness room, an 18-hole golf course and a 9-hole executive course.

The hotel was formerly the Disney Inn. Now the Armed Forces lease the resort from Disney.

Transportation to the Walt Disney World parks is available and guests are entitled to savings on tickets into the parks and early access into the Magic Kingdom before it is open to the general public (specific days only).

"The sacrifices military members and their families make confirms we've earned the appreciation," Kidd said after initiating a thunderous Hoo Ah from the guests. "Army and Army families all the way."

Following are the rates for Shades of Green, based on military grade:

E-1 through E-5, GS-7 and below, $49; E-6, E-7, O-1, O-2, WO-1 and GS-8 through 12, $73; E-8, E-9, O-3 through O-5, CWO-2 through CWO-5, and GS-13 through 15, $85; O-6 through O-10 and GS-16 and above $92.

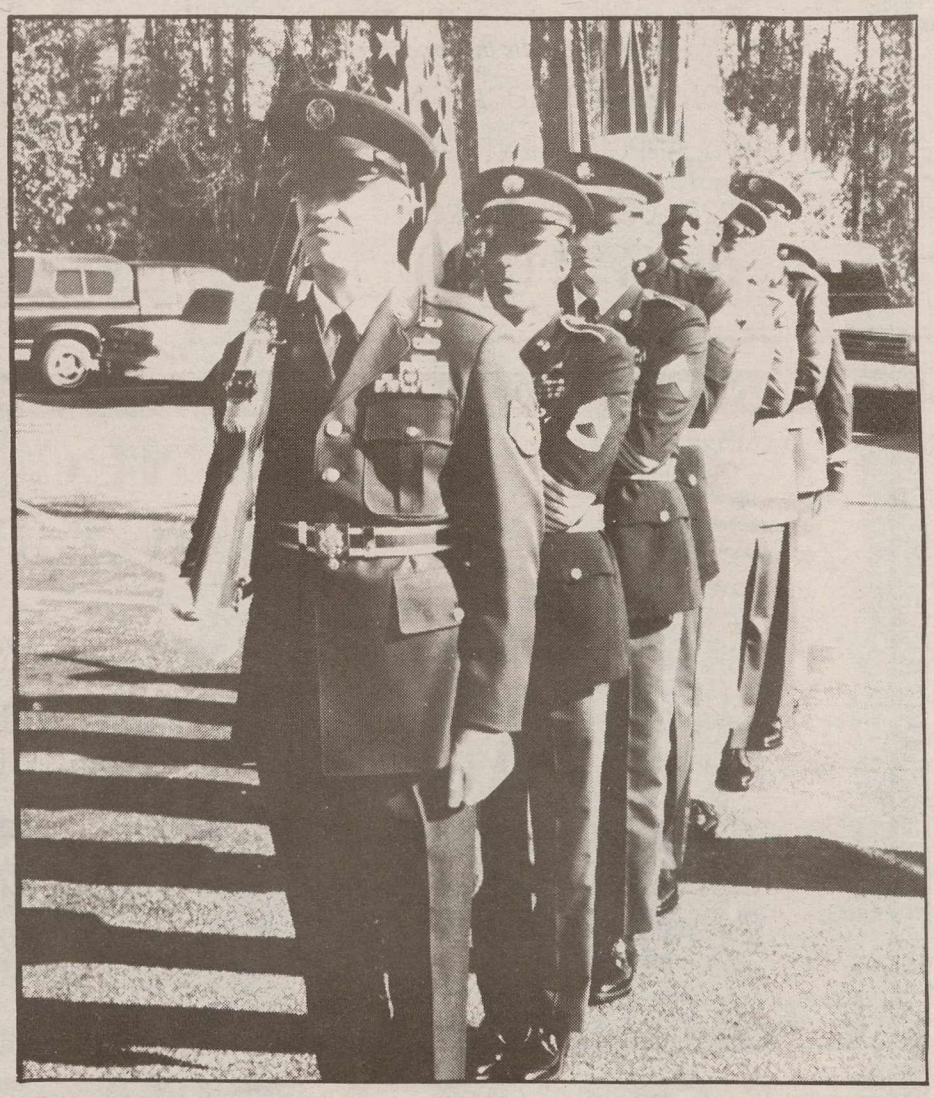
Add $9 for each adult if more than two per room. For single occupancy room, subtract $2 from the above rates.

For reservations, call (407) 824-3600 or fax (407) 824-3665.

During the reception for honored guests of te Shades of Green, clowns made ballon animals for family members.

Entertainers performed during the reception held for the Shades of Green honored guests.

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story



An Armed Forces color guard posted the colors at the Shades of Green grand opening ceremony Feb. 14.

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members to attend colleges of the California State University system at in-state tuition rates expired Jan. 1. Personnel affected by this change are invited to contact the Presidio Education Center, Bldg. 1216, at **561-4445**.

Newcomers' Orientation, Tour

A newcomers' orientation is held the third Friday, every other month (March, May, July, Sept., Nov.). If you have arrived within the last 120 days, you and/or your spouse are invited to attend the orientation briefing, information fair and tour. Free child care is available, with reservations, while you attend. Be informed! Speak with representatives from the Commissary, Post Exchange, Civilian Personnel, Military Personnel, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, Dental Clinic, and more. Learn about earthquake preparedness. Enjoy refreshments and tour the Presidio. Call **561-5256** for information. Call **561-6004** for child care reservations.

Commissary Council Meeting

The Presidio of San Francisco Commissary Council will met at 9:30 a.m., March 4, in the Commissary Conference Room, Bldg. 653. Members or alternates are required to attend. Advisors, Mayors, Army Community Services representatives and Commissary customers are encouraged to participate.

Youth Baseball Registration

Play ball! Presidio Youth Sports is registering boys and girls for baseball (7 to 14 years) and T-ball (6 to 8 years). Play is in the San Francisco Youth Baseball League, beginning in April. Registration will be taken at the Youth Center, Bldg. 386, 3 - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. A birth certificate copy is required, along with a fee of $15 for T-Ball and $20 for baseball. Deadline for registration is March 4.

Volunteers to help coach teams are also sought by the Sports Branch. For information, call Allen Posey at **561-3673** or Bill Boehm at **561-5143**.

Post Gym Schedule Change

Post Gym No. 1, Bldg. 63, will be closed all day tomorrow due to a scheduled electrical power outage. Post Gym No. 2, Bldg. 1152, will be open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. that day. For information call the Sports Office at **561-4120**.

Resume workshop offered

The Army Career and Alumni Program Job Assistance Center is offering a resume writing workshop on Thursday March 3 in the training room of Bldg. 37 from 9 a.m. to noon. One-to one counseling is also available in Bldg. 37, the first and third Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday of every month. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Brenda at 561-2430.

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Fred T. Dong

The Sixth U.S. Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer Orville Gannon, will play songs from World War II and prior at a luncheon at Fort Mason Officers' Club commemorating the 50th reunion anniversary of veterans of the Battle of the Buldge March 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by contacting CWO (ret.) Fred T. Dong at (415) 673-9827.

Repair work continues in installation areas

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Kids, and adults too, have a natural curiosity to investigate anything "new" or "foreign" in their neighborhood. However this curiosity can lead to a very harmful situation if the proper precautions are not put into effect.

As we are sure you have noticed, many contractors are currently working on the installation. Some have very little impact on day-to-day activities while others cause a major disruption. All the contractors have the responsibility to comply with the health and safety standards of the Army Corps of Engineers and OSHA, and they are monitored by an inspector to make sure the regulations are met.

In order to maintain this safe atmosphere, please keep all children and pets away from a contractor's job site. Due to the nature of some of the work, open excavations need to remain for a few days at a time. These excavations are normally covered and well marked with barriers during non-duty hours, but if a plywood cover slips or is disturbed by someone these sites can present a dangerous hazard. If the contractor's equipment (backhoes, pipes, compressors, etc.) is still present, it is private property and, for safety purposes, should be left alone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bay Pacific Pipeline should be finished working on the water lines in the Fort Scott area today.

The next area of concern will be the Fort Point area north of Highway 101 and west of the Crissy Field helipad, and will include the 600 and 900 area administration buildings. This work will be done from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., during the weeks of Feb. 28 - March 4 and March 7 - 11. These outages should occur only during weekdays and water should be restored for evening use and on the weekends.

Finally, just a quick reminder on tomorrow's scheduled power outages:

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. -- Buildings 63, 67, 540, 542, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030.

8 a.m. - noon -- Buildings 311, 312, 314, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 385, 386, 387, 401, 402, 403, 404, 406, 407, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 428, 432, 434.

Noon - 4 p.m. -- Buildings 92, 93 (Bowling Center), 99 (Theatre), 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 211 (Burger King).

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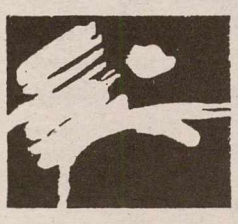

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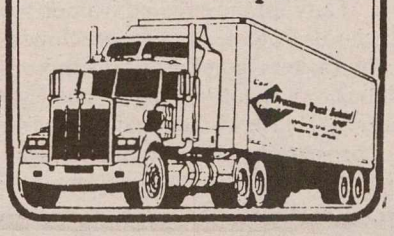

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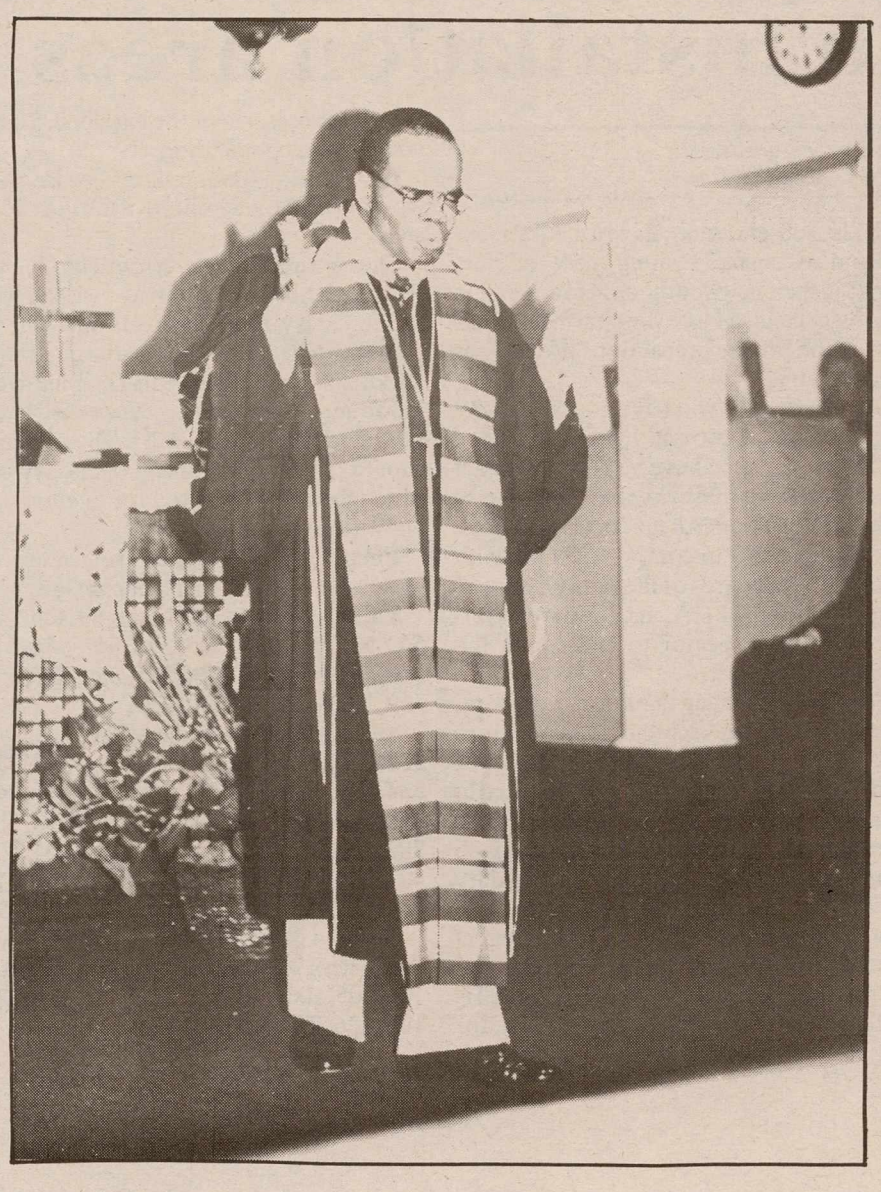
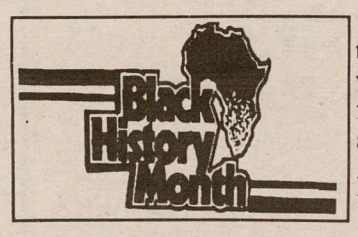


Above, Kathy Benjamin performs the "Flute Sonata in E-flat Major" by Johann Sebastian Bach at the start of the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Main Post Chapel. The morning speaker was Chaplain (Maj.) Freddie Hall (left). His message, "If you Don't Know Me By Now—What?" focused on Black History Month and the contributions of Black Americans to our society, all the while keeping his sermon in a Christian vein. Hall evoked the likes of Jean Baptiste Du Sable, the founder of Chicago; inventor George W. Carver; and engineer Benjamin Banneker. Rev. George Morris, pastor of the 12:30 p.m. Gospel Service in the Main Chapel, was his guest.

First black WACs paved way for better life in today's Army

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Information Service



The Navy didn't want them. The Marines didn't want them. The Army was forced to take them by an act of Congress. But the Army would accept only a few — 40 to be exact.

So when the Army opened its doors to women in 1942, there were 40 African-Americans among the first 440 to walk through — members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, or WAAC.

Racism was a way of life in the United States. War Department directives forbade discrimination, but the Army ignored them, said Martha S. Putney, author of *When the Nation Was in Need: Blacks in the Women's Army Corps during World War II*.

Putney, 75, joined the corps on Feb. 1, 1943, armed with a master's degree. African-American women felt the sting of segregation and discrimination even before they arrived for training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, she said.

For instance, Putney said, when black and white recruits arrived in Chicago at night en route to Fort Des Moines, they were separated by race at the train station. Army personnel escorted nonblacks; African-Americans were told to make their way to a designated rooming house.

Putney said African-Americans were the only ethnic group set apart. "The Chinese-American, Native Americans, Puerto Ricans, Filipino-Americans and all other ethnic Americans were lumped together in integrated units," she said.

"Negroes on one side! White girls on the other," was their greeting by white officers at Fort Des Moines.

"One of the officer standing nearby reportedly remarked that he had had no dealings with educated blacks -- he'd only known 'razor-cutting Negroes,'" Putney said. "The officer to whom he was speaking replied, 'I suppose they're all the same.'"

Black women were called darkies, niggers and other degrading terms, Putney said. They had a terrible time, particularly in the South.

Many Americans were against recruiting women. Many felt their place was in the home and that women were being taken into the Army to be companions of men. There was discrimination against women in the military, but black women had the added problem of racial prejudice.

"The Army was overwhelmingly Southern in its orientation and officers were intent on running an apartheid-style operation," Putney wrote In early 1943, nearly one-third of the black WAACs were classified as "unassignable," she said.

Black leaders were incensed by this and asked the War Department and the commander of Fort Des Moines for their reasoning. The response asserted "blacks did not have the qualifications for (nor did test scores show they had the aptitude for) specialized training in radio or other technical programs."

Yet, Putney said, "Many of them returned to civilian life to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, college professors, administrators, scientists, professional musicians and social workers." She used the GI Bill to earn a doctorate in history after being discharged on Dec. 31, 1946.

College graduates with work experience often found themselves permanently assigned as mess attendants (KP, or kitchen police) or doing "dirty work" in hospitals. They were relegated to working as laundry workers, hostesses, soda jerks and sweepers in warehouses, maids in a civilian dormitory and waitresses in the officers mess, she wrote.

"Very few, if any, of the enlisted women were sent to specialized schools or took any of the technical courses, except cooks and bakers, administration, motor transport, medical technician and photography school," she wrote.

More than 6,500 black women, including 146 officers, served in the corps during World War II. Blacks made the transition with the rest of the women when the Women's Army Corps was established in September 1943. But, she wrote, no more than 3,920 black enlisted women and 121 officers served in the corps at any one time.

During World War II, Putney continued, "The Army had too many field commanders who wanted blacks only to do the dirty work. Too many generals didn't want blacks in their commands. At one post, black officers were told to take orders from the (white) sergeant."

Putney said the first two companies of some 300 black women to complete basic training went to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where the all-black 92nd Division was stationed.

African-American women didn't see overseas service until 1945. However, there were earlier requests for them to serve overseas near black troops. But William H. Hastie, the first black civilian aide to the secretary of war, called the requests "a disguised scheme to afford companionship for the (black) soldiers." The requests were denied.

The War Department decided to send a black unit overseas -- the 6888th Central Postal Battalion. It was the only black WAC unit to serve overseas during World War II, Putney said. The battalion consisted of 824 enlisted women and 31 officers. They went to Birmingham, England, and later transferred to France.

"There was a tremendous backlog of mail stacked up to the ceiling when they arrived in England," Putney said. "Many of the letters were battered from constant redirection and were barely legible. Hundreds of packages had to be repackaged and readdressed. It wasn't a clean postal job; it was a dirty postal job."

Putney said even with segregation and discrimination, the Army was the best deal for blacks in those days. "We broke down a lot of barriers at Fort Des Moines -- separate hours at the swimming pool, segregated theaters and mess hall," she said. "The officers club was the only barrier we failed to break down.

"It wasn't as bad in the Army for females as it was for males. But it was by no means a bed of roses for women," she added.

At the end of 1944, Putney was assigned to an integrated company. "I think it was the only integrated company in the Army at that time," she said.

Putney said the military is much different today. "There will always be sexism in the military," she noted. "I don't think men are big enough and honest enough to acknowledge that women don't have a fair break. They've always figured that the Army is a man's job."

However, she said, the overt racial segregation and discrimination experienced by black women during World War II doesn't exist in today's military.

"Despite all the hardships we endured, the Army -- the other services didn't want us -- was a step forward for blacks in those days," Putney said. "We were pioneers. Not only that, when black women -- and men -- were discharged after the war, they were no longer content to work in white folks' kitchens."

FBI sits alone atop intramural heap

Sixth Recruiting Bde. 60
LEC 68

Gene Allen scored 14 points in the first half of this game and added eight points in the second half to help Law Enforcement Company even its record to 2-2 Tuesday night in Gym No. 1, Building 63.

LEC's John Evans helped his team reach a 36-29 lead at halftime. Evans scored five field goals and was two for four from the line in the first half.

USAG #I 56
FBI 61

If you can't beat them from the floor, try beating them from the line.

FBI's Brian Guy used that tactic Tuesday night and hit eight of nine freethrows on his way to scoring 22 points on the night to help his team retain first place in the league.

Six of Guy's freethrows and two of his three field goals came in the first half for 10 points.

USAG's Jason Thomas also dropped in 10 points in the half, but his team found itself trailing 33-28 at halftime.

FBI's John Broderick was fouled twice in the half and converted all four foul shots. He added two field goals and a three-point jumpshot to finish the half with 11 points.

USAG's Dale Kennedy scored 10 points in the second half but FBI already served notice that this game was locked up.

FBI hasn't looked pretty all season -- they rarely do. But they rarely lose, and that's the point. The team plays solid, basic basketball and is alone at the top with a 4-1 record.

Feb. 17
Sixth Rctg. Bde. 53
LUSAHC 56

Steve Canterberry went on a tear in the second half and sank 17 points to lead LUSAHC to victory. He had 24 on the night.

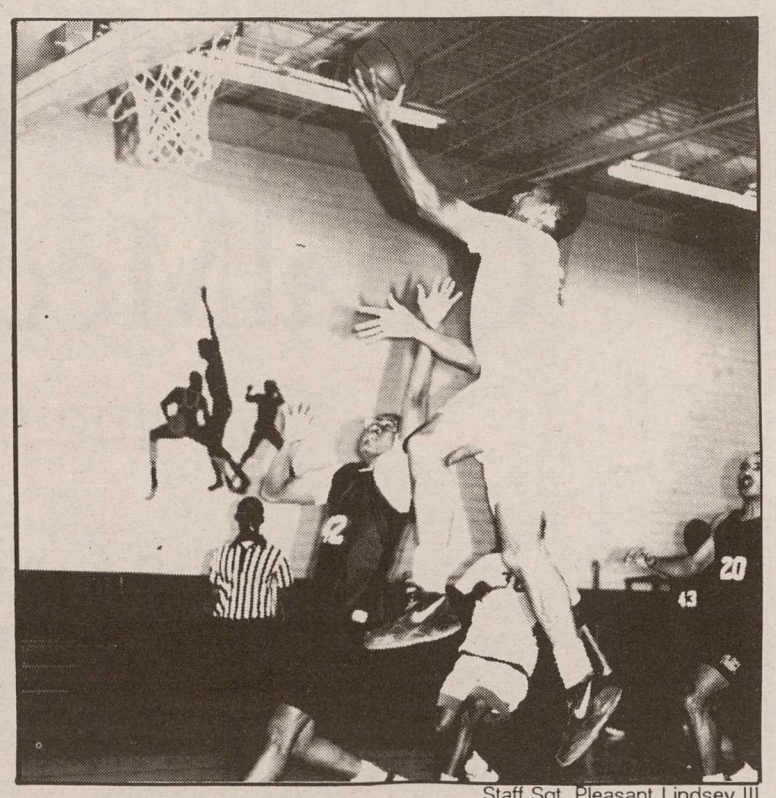
USAG #I 57
USAG #II 69

What began as a close game ended with USAG II ruling the second half.

USAG II had a 29-27 lead as the second half opened. At the 13:06 mark Donnell Warren lobbed a 12-foot jumper from the left side of the basket that was swatted into the stands by USAG I's Fred Harter. Thirty seconds later USAG II's Charles Summers skirted the line beneath the basket, tossed in a layup over his right shoulder for a 36-30 lead, and USAG II took command of the boards at both ends of the court. Warren hit 10 points from the floor and added five free throws to boost his total output to 23 points.

Andre Clark scored 10 points in the first half, added a field goal in the second and brought the crowd to its feet when he caught up with Nunnally in mid-air and slapped his shot back down court.

Feb. 15
6th Rctg. Bde 55
USAG I 54;
FBI 72
LEC 53



Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

A Sixth Recruiting Brigade player drives to the hoop in the second half of his team's 56-53 loss to LUSAHC Feb. 17

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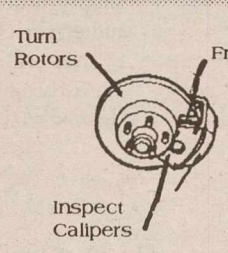

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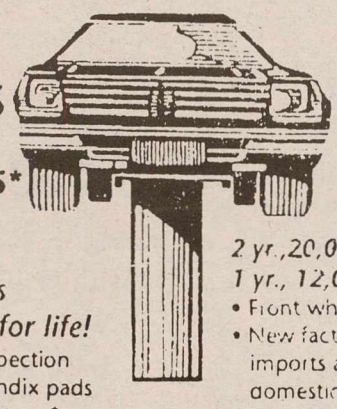

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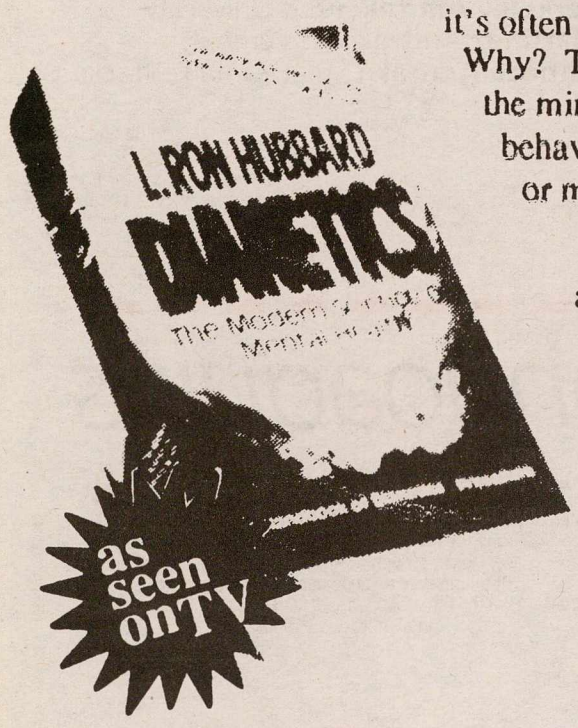

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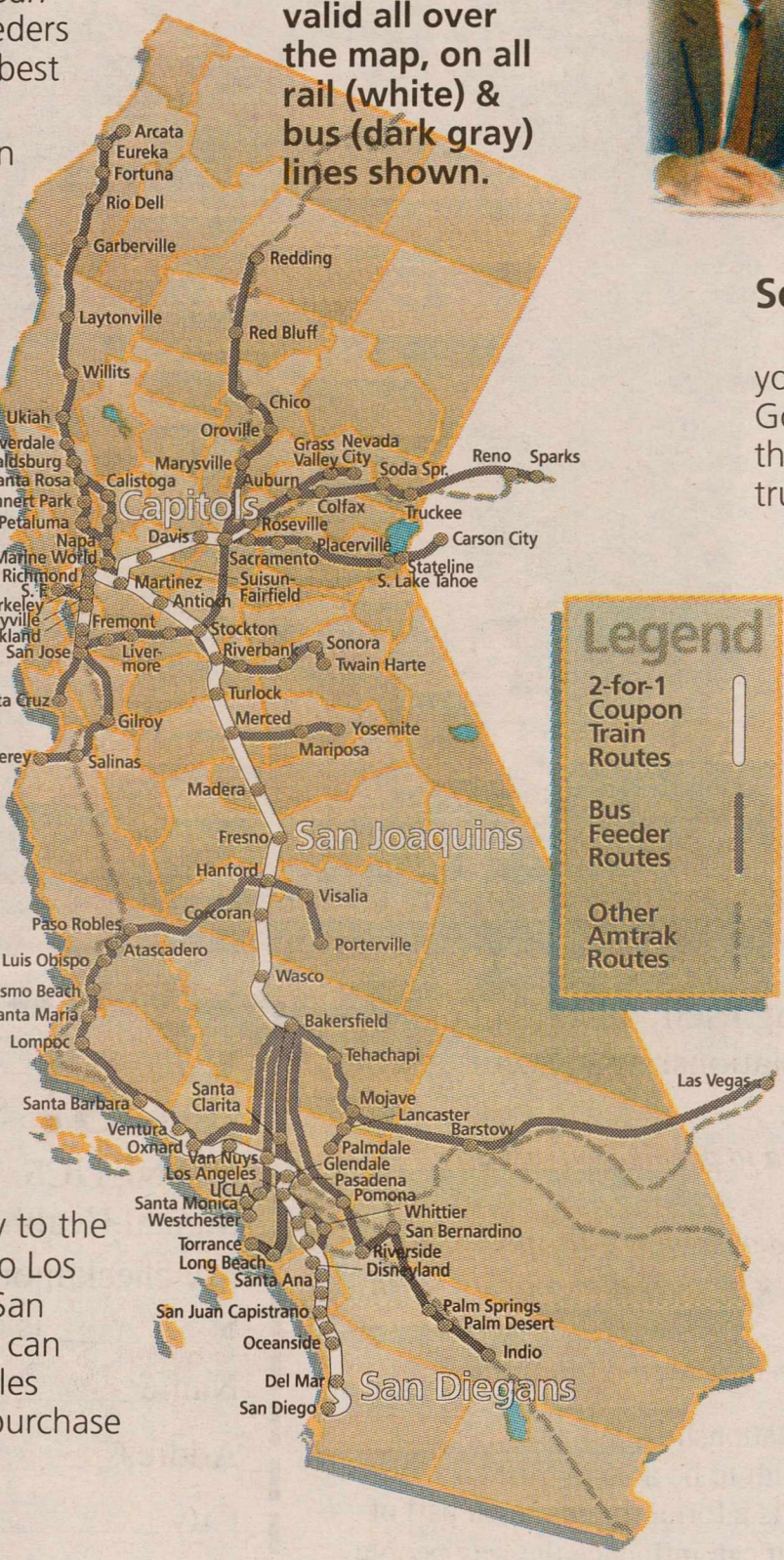

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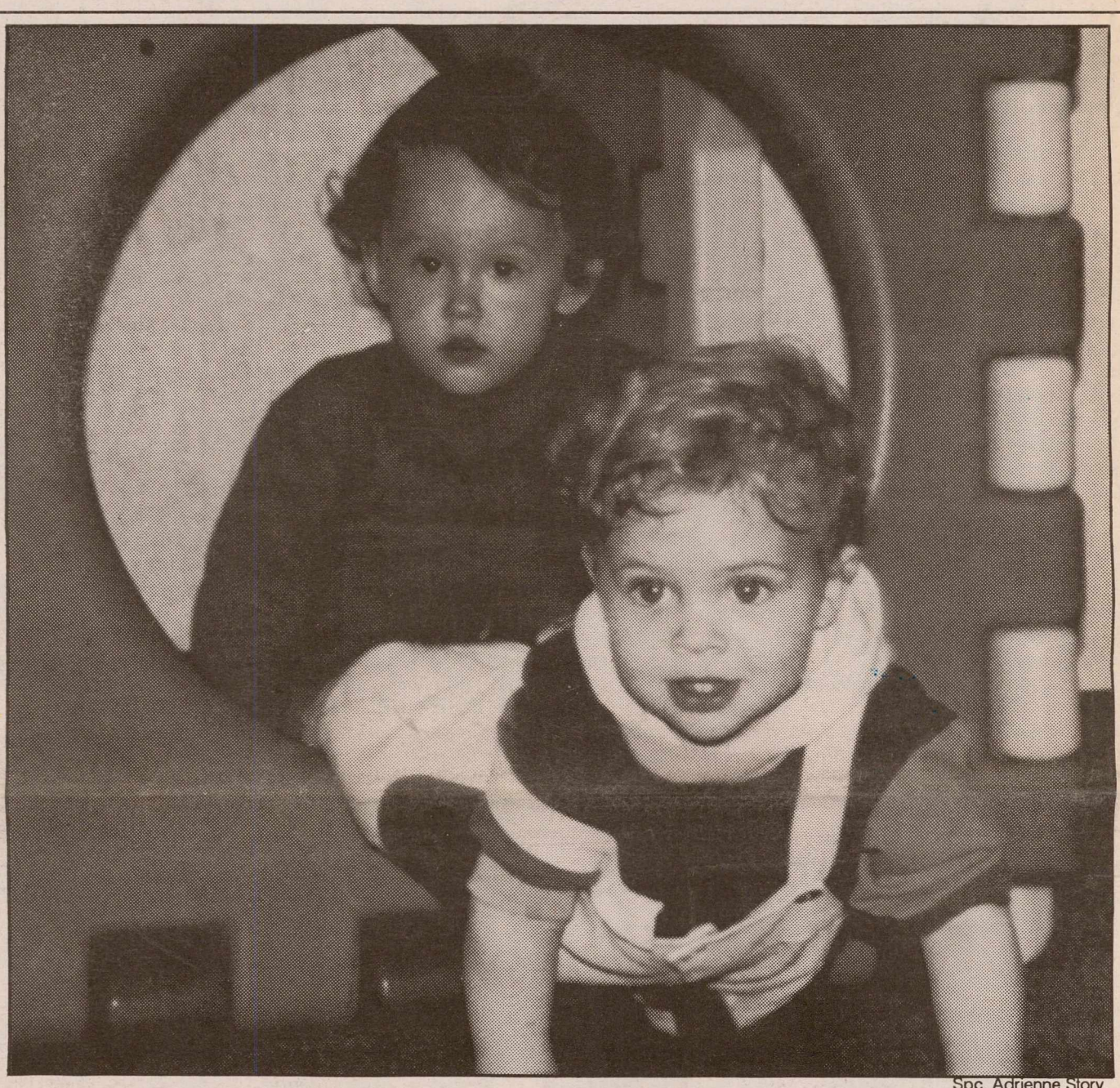

Spc. Adrienne Story

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Fred shows Emily the way out of a huge cube at the Presidio Day Care Center. There are several activities for children of all ages at the center. Each day they learn something new.

Women's History Month

Soldier serves proudly, manages career, family

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

(Editor's note: March is Women's History Month. The *Star Presidian* is recognizing women who make significant contributions to our country.)

She went to war, she supervised soldiers who didn't respect her, not because of her ability but because of her gender, she earned an associate's degree, and she's a good soldier, a good wife and a good mother. If she were a test question, you would mark the box "All of the above."

"I wear several different hats. I'm a soldier, mother, military spouse all wrapped up into one," said Staff Sgt. Lavonne Taylor, noncommissioned officer in charge, administrative and criminal law section, Garrison Staff Judge Advocate. "My greatest challenge is managing my life as a soldier, mother and wife."

Taylor does handle it and quite well.

"She handles a career and family very well. She's organized, ambitious and knows her duties as a soldier and minimizes conflicts of rearing a child," Sgt. Hal Taylor, Protocol NCO, said about his wife. "Lavonne is loyal and trustworthy. She sets a course and sticks with it. She's very focused on her goals. I know I can always rely on her for advice and support.

"She's a good mother. When she's home, she puts our son first before herself," he added. "She ensures all his needs are met."

"I handle it by not making my bed in the morning," Taylor said jokingly. "Really, I get a lot of help from my husband, and I have to be very organized. Between physical training, work, cleaning the house, the laundry, making [her baby, 7 1/2-month-old] Christian's bottles, I have to be right on schedule so it doesn't take any time away from my baby or husband. It's hard, but I manage."

On top of her career and family, the 5-foot-6-inch, blue-eyed blonde, continues her civilian and military education. She earned her associate's degree after joining the Army by taking night classes. She just completed a final exam Wednesday.

Taylor is working toward a bachelor's degree, but before that she has another goal to accomplish.

"I want to become a warrant officer," she

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Commentary

Women create changes in the face of opposition

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian Staff

Do you remember those cigarette ads with the slogan, "You've come a long way, baby?" They show women in period attire of the late 19th century doing something that was "naughty" at the time and is perfectly acceptable now. I got to thinking about those advertisements as I sat down to write.

The question I asked myself was, "just how far have we come?" I have discovered there's more to women's history than suffrage and equal pay for equal work -- and we have only to look at history to find that this is so.

Ancient Celtic tales tell of two queens -- Boadicea and Maeve. Both were renowned warriors; Boadicea led her soldiers, driving her own chariot, and Maeve was reputed to be one of the best cattle raiders in the Irish kingdoms of Leinster and Connacht. I like to think that Boadicea and Maeve were the precursors of today's female soldiers -- like Lt. Col. Rhonda Cornum and Maj. Marie Rossi, who became known to all of us during Operation Desert Storm.

Maybe you'd like some more "recent" examples of woman warriors in history. I'm sure you remember the story of Molly Pitcher, who took over as gunner in the Revolutionary War when her husband was wounded. While Molly's real identity is not known, she is a perfect representative of the women who served with the Continental Army during that period. In fact, with constant manpower shortages, maintaining an army would have been next to impossible without the women who followed their husbands into battle.

Women have gone to great lengths to serve their country. In the War of 1812, Lucy Brewer, later acknowledged by the Marine Corps as the "first girl Marine," disguised herself as a man and served for three years on the *U.S.S. Constitution* under the name of George Baker. In 1846, Sarah Borginis disguised herself as a man and achieved the rank of Brevet Colonel under General Zachary Taylor.

We also have a long history in the world of medicine. In ancient societies, the village wise woman prepared herbal remedies, assisted in childbirth, and gave medical advice. We've continued that tradition through the ages. The pages of history show us several examples.

On March 16, 1883, Susan Hayhurst became the first woman pharmacist upon her graduation from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

The first woman physician of modern times was Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, a native of England who came to the United States as a young girl and received her M.D. degree in 1849 at the Geneva Medical School of Western New York.

Clara Barton collected supplies and medical equipment, often at her own expense, and supervised their delivery and distribution to soldiers in the field during the Civil War. She also looked after the wounded and dying after battles, even though she scarcely escaped death herself at the battle of Antietam.

After the war, Barton helped found the first National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., and organized the American Red Cross.

Dr. Mary Walker, an early feminist, gave up a medical practice to join the Union Army as a nurse in 1864. In those days, female doctors had not been accepted as much as female nurses. Walker was later commissioned as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps, thus becoming the first woman doctor in the Army.

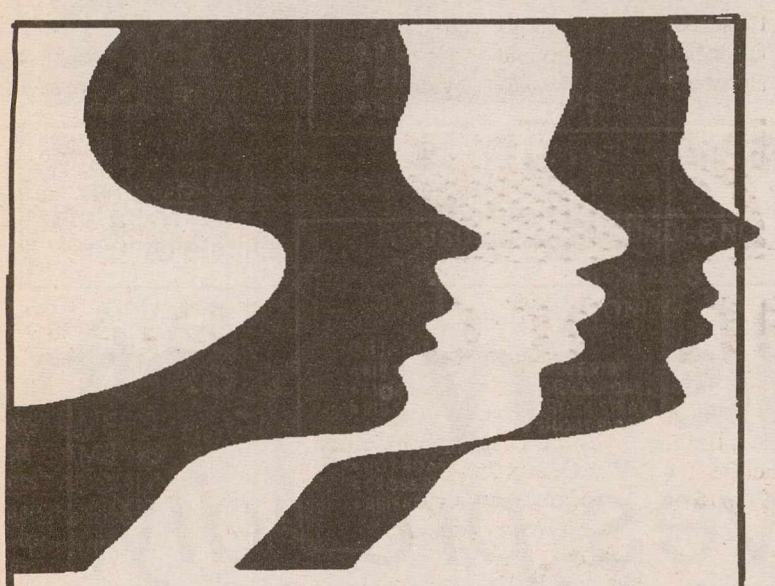
So, exactly how far have we come? I'd say that the annals of time show how important women have been, and continue to be, in history and society.

In closing, I'd like to share a story about Sir Winston Churchill. A reporter was interviewing him and asked, "What do you say, sir, to the prediction that in the year 2000 women will be ruling the world?"

Churchill smiled and replied, "They still will, eh?"

History in the making

Women's issues forum



"Global Priorities for Women Forum" -- an opportunity for the Bay Area to contribute to an international discussion on issues of importance to women -- will be held from 8 a.m. to 6p.m., March 11, at San Francisco State University's Student Union.

The public is invited to join experts in education, international affairs, labor, health, human rights, government and women's rights for a day-long series of discussions on topics ranging from women and the global economy to domestic violence

The forum will help develop priorities for the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women coming up in September 1995 in China.

Keynote speakers at the S.F. State forum include Ana Maria Brasilerio of the United Nations Fund for Women; Dolores Huerta, labor leader and guest fellow at S.F. State's Urban Institute and Angela Davis, professor at UC Santa Cruz. For information, call (415) 338-1312.

Ask Presidians

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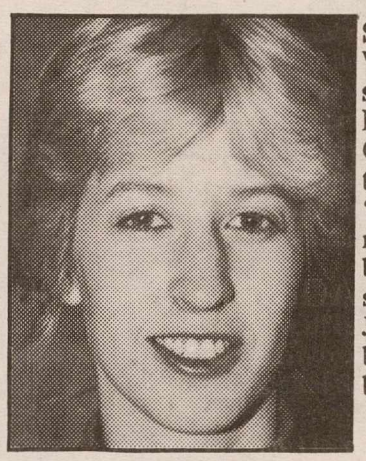
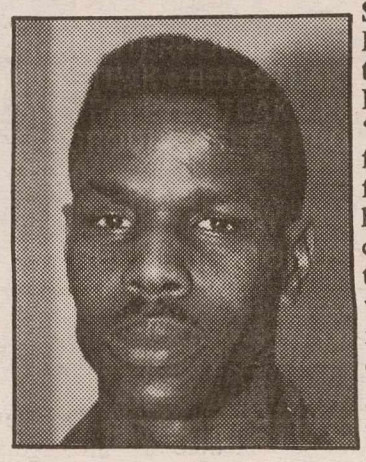
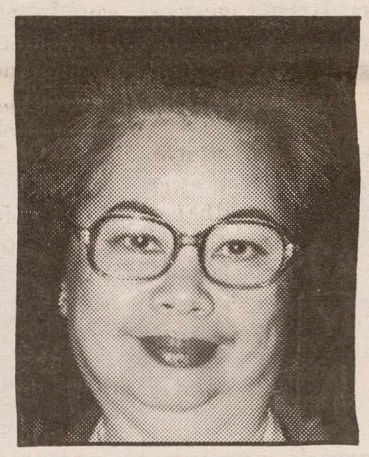


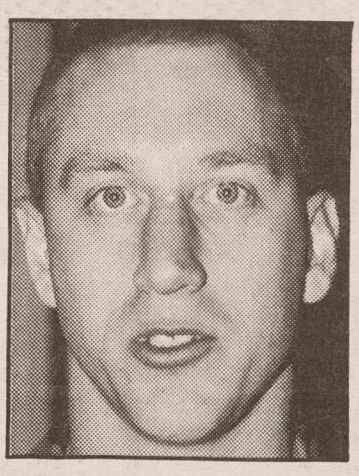
Sgt. Dawn Wilken, supply sergeant, Headquarters Command Battalion S-4: "Where will the new medical clinic be located? The closure is effective in June, and the new building has not been determined."



Spc. Clifford McDonald, dental specialist, Dental Activity: "The quality of food at the dining facility. When the hospital was in charge of it, I thought the food was better. I know it's closing, but the quality shouldn't go down until it closes. The quality should be improved."



Aurea T. Covey, *retiree family* member: "Where will retirees go for medical after Letterman closes? Oak Knoll is also closing. This hospital is the reason many retirees live in the Bay Area."



Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Jansons, first sergeant, Company D, MI Battalion: I have many concerns for my soldiers who will remain here. The MI detachment is moving to Oakland. Will those soldiers who live in housing here have to move out of quarters, or will they be able to stay there?"

By Spc. Adrienne Story

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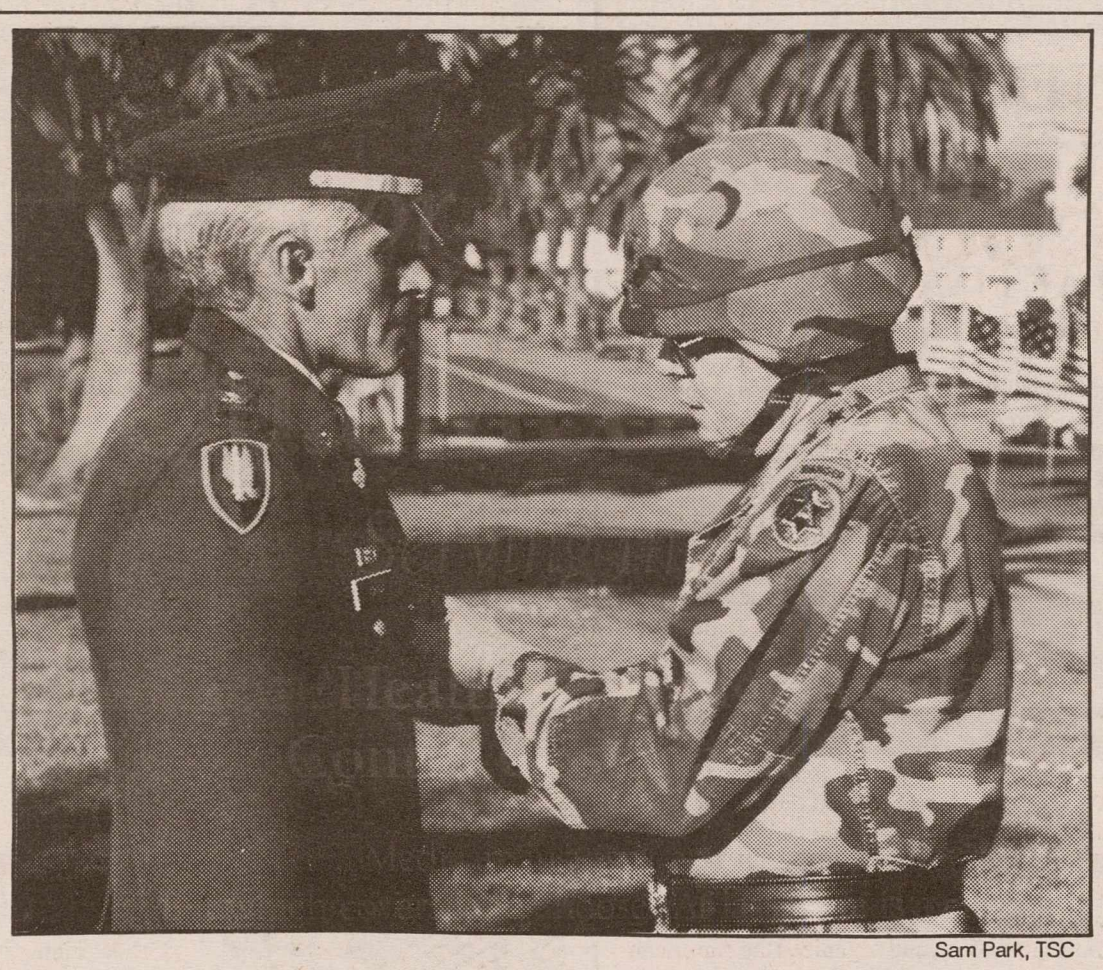

Sam Park, TSC

After 35 years of dedicated service, Master Warrant Officer James R. Lucking retires from flying duty. His retirement ceremony was held Feb. 24 at Pershing Square on the Presidio.

Officer retires after 35 years

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

A living piece of aviation history retired Feb. 24 after 35 years of service for the Army. One would doubt if aircraft could survive that long, but in this case, it's a pilot who was retired.

Master Warrant Officer James R. Lucking entered the military in October 1958 in Los Angeles, Calif. Over the next three decades, he'd fly a number of combat missions and receive a wealth of medals.

Lucking is ending his career as the operations officer of the Sixth U.S. Army Aviation Division, as well as the general's staff helicopter pilot.

Lucking served two combat tours in Vietnam, where he earned the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He has also served overseas in Hawaii and Germany, and stateside in Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Irwin, Calif., and Fort Rucker, Ala.

Lucking has earned a cornucopia of awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Meritorious Service medals, the Air Medal with V device, 44 Air Medals (for logging 1,358 flying hours in 1968), three Army Commendation Medals, 4 Army Achievement Medals, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon and the Master Aviator Badge.

During his retirement ceremony, Lucking was presented the Legion of Merit by Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commanding general, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco. His wife, Elke, was presented a certificate of appreciation signed by Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, Army Chief of Staff.

After 35 years of flying, Lucking said he will use his retirement time by traveling and taking it easy.

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said. "I will put in my packet before I leave the Presidio (which will be sometime in November).

One of Taylor's toughest challenges as a female NCO, was supervising a male soldier of the same rank. She was the supervisor because she had an early date of rank.

"Sometimes it is hard for some men to be supervised by a woman. He didn't want to work for me because I was female. I guess he also felt he was here longer, he should be the supervisor," Taylor said. "I talked to him on a one-on-one basis several times to put him more at ease. I wanted him to understand the mission needed to be accomplished. It wasn't personal. It didn't work. Then I went to military counseling. I also talked to my supervisor."

Despite the difficult times she faced while in charge of the sergeant, she never gave up.

"Sometimes I would go home and I would say, 'It would just be easier if I just gave up and let the soldier do it his own way,'" Taylor said in her sweet voice. "I never brought that attitude to work. As soon as I went to work I got in the 'never give up' mode.

"I used to talk to my supervisor, and he always said it's easy to supervise a good soldier and to treat this as a learning experience," she added. "I really learned a lot. I had to become a stricter NCO. I look at everything as a challenge."

Since Taylor experienced first hand some difficulties of being a female NCO, she recommends that all female soldiers be as professional as possible and keep a good attitude.

"Don't give up whatever you want," she said. "A few years ago they didn't let women in any combat roles. Now there are some roles opening for pilots. Be persistent with your goals and never let a man tell you you can't do something because you're a woman."

Taylor also knows her gender does not affect her service to her country.

"I think I am proudest of serving in Saudi Arabia. It was more difficult for me because I went with a different unit. Everyone in the unit already knew each other, but I left from here," said Taylor, who served seven months as the legal NCO for a military intelligence battalion from Fort Hood, Texas.

"There was a lot of stress there. You didn't know what was going to happen. We thought there would definitely be a chemical attack. I saw so many people trying to get out of it because they were scared. Some people got pregnant on purpose, went AWOL and unfortunately, even one staff sergeant killed himself. I was scared, too, but that's why I joined the Army — to serve my country no matter what. I wasn't going to back down. I never will quit."

Taylor has served proudly for 10 1/2 years and thinks her winning attitude has helped her succeed.

"In some respects I don't think I always look like the number one soldier, but I always have a good attitude," Taylor concluded. I think attitude has a lot to do with being a good soldier. You can't ever give up or quit. You have to set your priorities and keep them in the front of your mind. You have to always strive to succeed."

When checking that box, add another line by *All of the above*, reading ... *and more* ....

Tax corner

Tax rules vary for senior citizens

Senior citizens should check the tax rules carefully because of special tax breaks offered only to them, said Internal Revenue Service officials.

For example, a single person age 65 or older with an income of less than $6,950 generally doesn't have to file a federal tax return. For married couples filing a joint return, if one is 65 or older, they generally need not file if their income does not exceed $11,600. If both are age 65 or older, the level rises to $12,300.

Several other tax breaks are a credit for the elderly or the disabled and a higher standard deduction. Also, taxpayers at least 55 may qualify for a once-in-a-lifetime exclusion of some or all of the capital gain on the sale of their personal residence. There are certain restrictions, said IRS officials, but the exclusion generally applies if the individual has lived in the home at least three of the past five years and never used the exclusion. IRS officials recommended checking IRS Publication 523, *Selling Your Home*, for specific information.

Some publications that may be of particular interest to seniors and caregivers include:

* Publication 1, *Your Rights as a Taxpayer*;
* Publication 17, *Your Federal Income Tax*;
* Publication 502, *Medical and Dental Expenses*;
* Publication 505, *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*;
* Publication 523, *Selling Your Home*;
* Publication 524, *Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled*;
* Publication 554, *Tax Information for Older Americans*;
* Publication 910, *Guide to Free Tax Services*; and
* Publication 915, *Social Security Benefits and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits*

Check with the Presidio Tax Assistance Office, Bldg. 223, or the local library for copies of these and other free tax publications. Or call IRS toll free at **1-800-829-3676** or write to:

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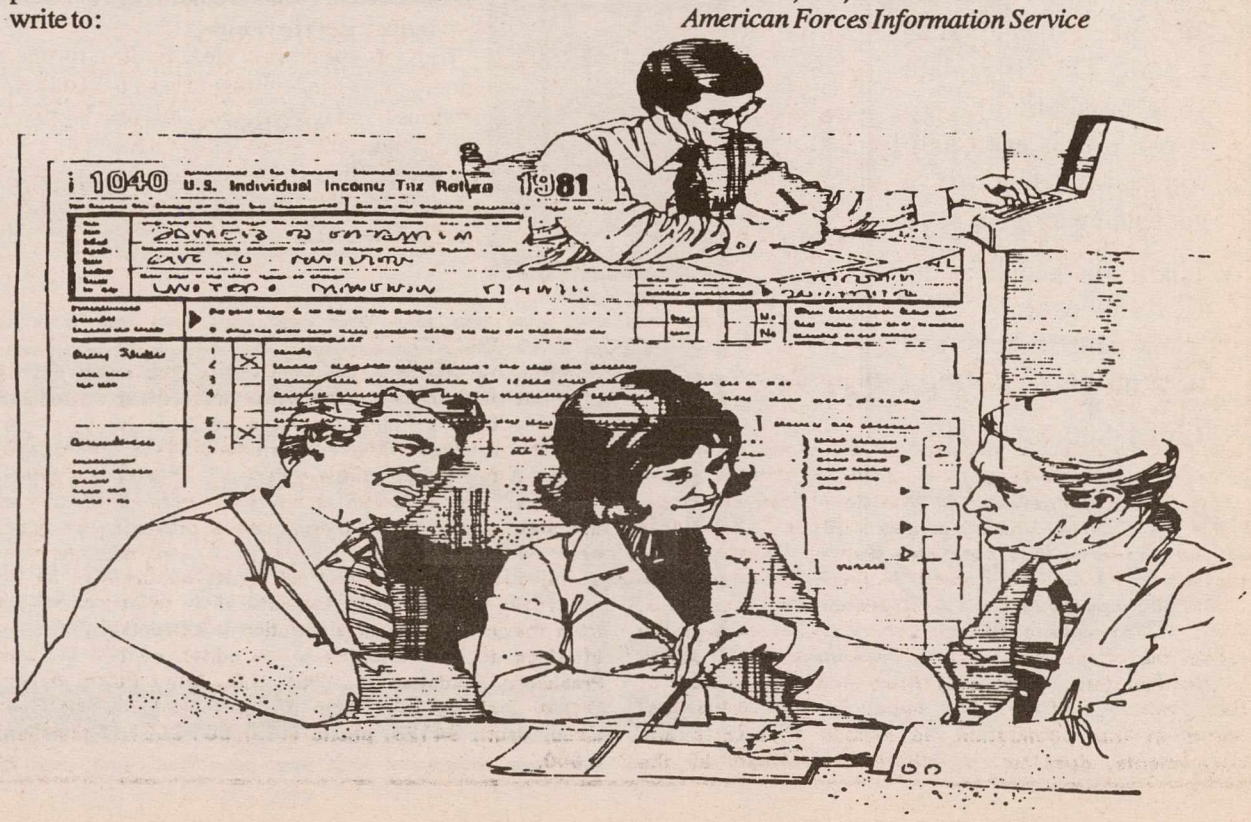

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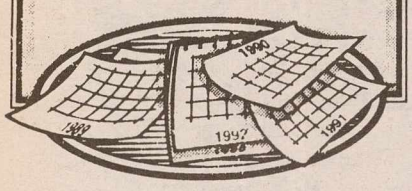

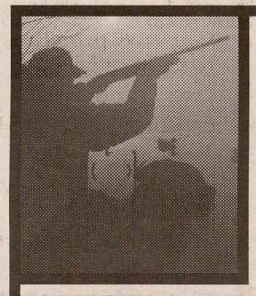

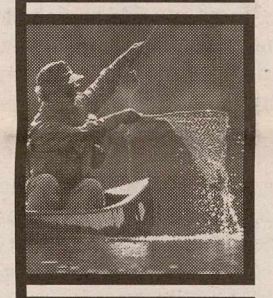

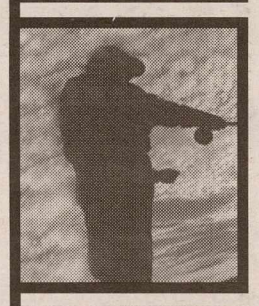

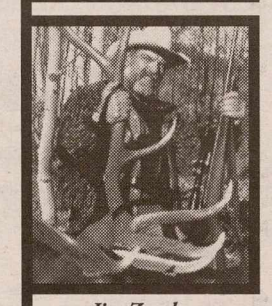

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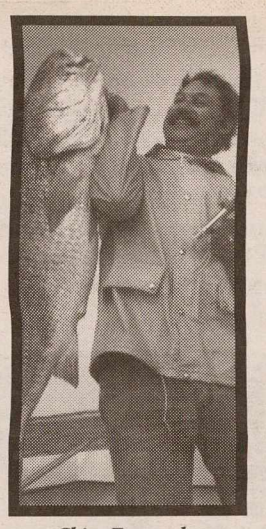

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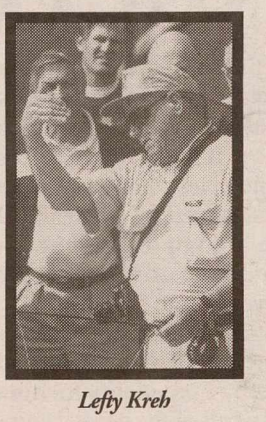

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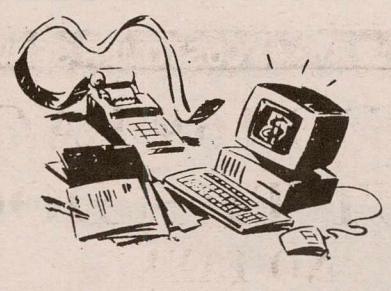

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GRE Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given at 7:30 a.m., April 14, at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time, but you must order your examination in person by Wednesday. For information, contact an education counselor at **561-2974/4445**.

Pretransition Briefing

The Military Personnel Division (MPD) at the Presidio of San Francisco will conduct a pretransition briefing at the Presidio Audio/Visual Center, Bldg. 603, 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Topics will include veterans' benefits, employment assistance, property shipment, legal assistance, travel entitlements, and outprocessing procedures designed to assist in making the transition to civilian life as simple as possible. In accordance with Army Regulation 635-10, soldiers scheduled to separate and/or departing for transition (terminal) leave prior to separation between March and December this year (except retiring) from the Army MUST ATTEND this mandatory pretransition briefing. Point of contact is Spc. Lucas at MPD, commercial **(415) 561-2151/3297**, or DSN **586-2151/3297**.

Education Center News

The state law which allowed military personnel and their family members to attend colleges of the California State University system at in-state tuition rates expired Jan. 1. Personnel affected by this change are invited to contact the Presidio Education Center, Bldg. 1216, at **561-4445**.

Newcomers' Orientation Tour

A newcomers' orientation is held the third Friday, every other month (March, May, July, Sept. ,Nov.). If you have arrived within the last 120 days, you and/or your spouse are invited to attend the orientation briefing, information fair and tour. Free child care is available, with reservations, while you attend. Be informed! Speak with representatives from the Commissary, Post Exchange, Civilian Personnel, Military Personnel, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, Dental Clinic, and more. Learn about earthquake preparedness. Enjoy refreshments and tour the Presidio. Call **561-5256** for information. Call **561-6004** for child care reservations.

Historic house tour

Take this rare opportunity to explore every nook and cranny, free of furnishings, of the Hana & J.D. Zellerbach Mansion, 2-5 p.m., March 13. This grand home is on the crest of outer Broadway in San Francisco. Arthur Brown, Jr., architect of Coit Tower and San Francisco's City Hall, designed this Georgian Revival residence, built in 1927.

This is a self-guided tour that you may take at your own pace, relishing those particular features of the house that interest you. Docents will be on hand to answer questions not anticipated by the descriptive flier participants will receive.

Refreshments will be served in the main salon, which offers glorious views of the Golden Gate and the Marin Headlands.

For information or reservations, call the San Francisco Heritage Foundation at **(415) 441-3000**.

Volunteer Nominations

In honor of this nation's dedicated volunteers, April 17-23 has been designated National Volunteer Week. In conjunction with this week, the Presidio of San Francisco will be accepting nominations for the Presidio's Volunteers of the Year Awards. These awards will be presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community. For information or for nomination forms, contact Susan Burzo, Acting Community Life Program Manager, at **561-4147**.

Soldier/NCO Luncheon

The Presidio of San Francisco Soldier/NCO of the Year Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., March 11, at the Golden Gate Club. All active duty, family members and DoD personnel are invited to attend. The buffet style lunch includes roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, pasta salad, tossed salad, roll, cubed jello with whipped cream, and a beverage. Tickets may be purchased from your First Sergeant, Section NCOIC, or Spc. Sharon Contreras (**561-2004**). Tickets should be purchased by close of business today.

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History has a way of repeating itself. Could it be the same with love and in personal relationships? See if any of these situations sound familiar:

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- ☐ *You have the same argument over and over with your spouse or partner.*
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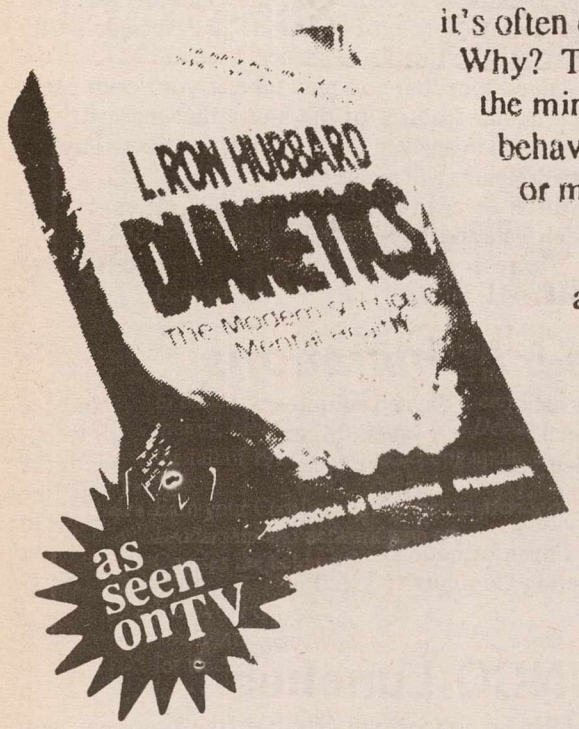

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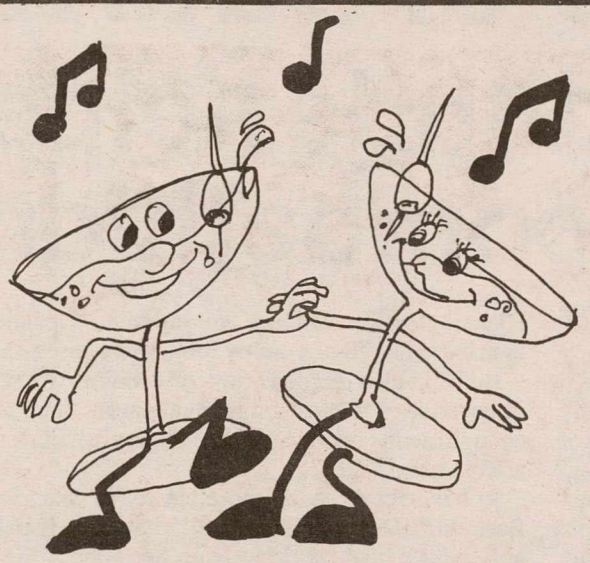

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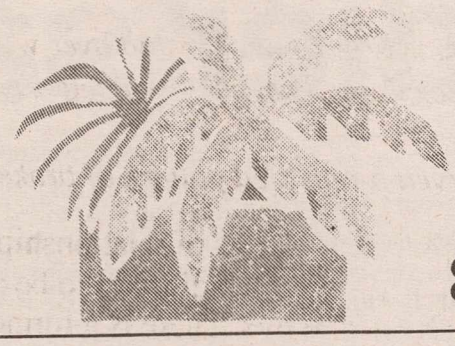

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MP named Post NCO of quarter

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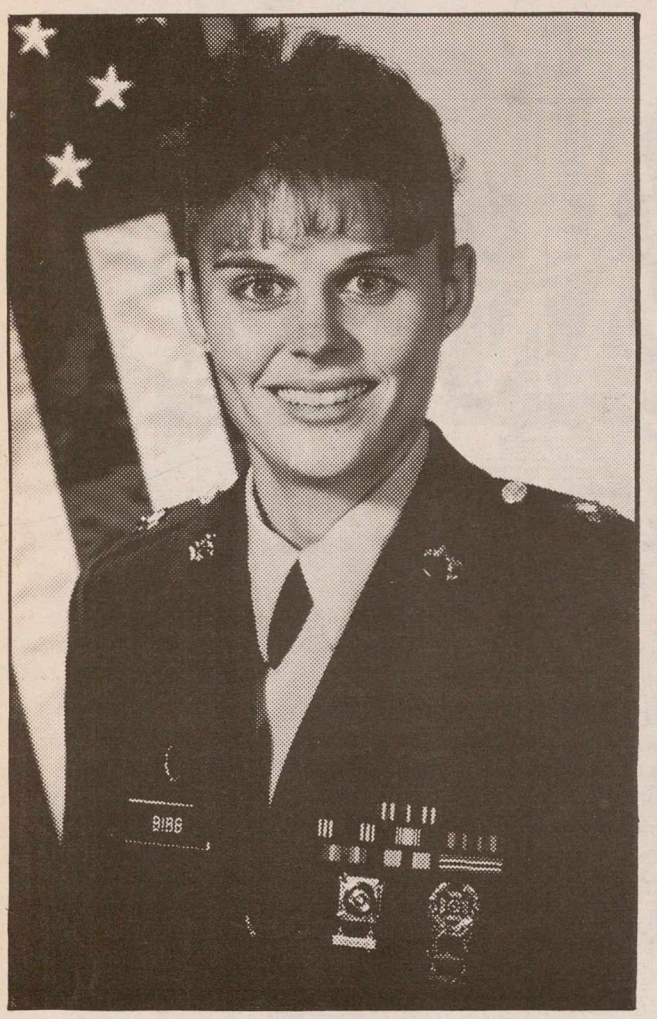


Sgt. Betsy Bibb

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

A military policeman from Law Enforcement Company was recently named the Post Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter here in the first contest of the year.

Sgt. Betsy Bibb, 23, from Bay City, Mich., works as an investigator for the military police investigation office.

"I want to try for NCO of the Year, but we may not be here that long," she said, with a slightly anxious laugh. "Now that the contest is over, it seems like a weight was lifted from my shoulders. I had to juggle my job, my classes at Columbia College and time to study for the board."

Her pale blue eyes seemed to flash when she described the demeanor she used during her board appearance.

"My attitude was, 'I will win, no matter what!'" she said.

For Bibb, joining the Army provided an opportunity to fulfill a career goal. Bibb said she wanted to go into law enforcement, and the Army provided the perfect means of getting experience.

"I joined to see if I could handle it, and I wanted to travel. I don't have any desire to get out," she said.

"She shows a lot of potential. Her sense of self-motivation is exceptional. She likes the tough assignments," said Staff Sgt. Steven Elliot, company training NCO.

Bibb served in the Army Reserve for one and a half years, before going on active duty. In the past four years she's served with the 61st and 127th MP companies in Hanau, Germany, before coming to the Presidio. She's married to Staff Sgt. Tommy Bibb, who is also an MP here.

Bibb has also learned how to use the Army's education opportunities to meet future challenges. She has earned enough credits for an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice at Columbia College.

"I have six or seven more classes to take to earn my Bachelor's Degree," Bibb said. That degree would probably be the furthest thing from her mind if she had remained on her original career path — modeling.

Bibb is 5-feet-8-inches tall with slender, model-like features. She almost chose that as a career.

She was a cheerleader during her freshman year at Western High and played clarinet in the school's marching band for her sophomore and junior years. In her senior year, she took part in a Co-op program, working for Dow Chemical as a secretary in the mornings and finishing classes in the afternoon.

During this time, various people suggested she take up modeling.

"After high school I went to Pennsylvania to study modeling, but I got homesick and left," Bibb said. She said she was offered a modeling opportunity at an earlier age, but her mother didn't want her to be spoiled by the lifestyle.

For now, though, Bibb is focused on law enforcement and completing her degree. She's another example of a quality soldier being the best that she can be.

Battalion awards ceremony

The following soldiers received awards during the Headquarters Command Battalion Awards ceremony Feb. 23.

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. USAG

1st Lt. Lorenza Morris, Army Achievement Medal
Sgt. Brent Reeves, AAM
Cpl. Marina Urroz, AAM
Sgt. James Blunk, Battalion Certificate of achievement
Sgt. Kenneth Phillips, Bn Cert.
Sgt. Hal Taylor, Bn Cert.
Spc. Jennifer Davis, Bn Cert.
Spc. Thomas Garrison, Bn Cert.
Spc. Bo'Tiwa Jackson, Bn Cert.
Spc. KelliAnn Solano, Bn Cert.
Spc. Patrick Stevenson, Bn Cert.
Staff Sgt. Richard Wilken, Manchu Certificate
Sgt. Dawn Wilken, Manchu Cert.

Law Enforcement Company

Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, Army Commendation Medal
Sgt. Chance Showell, ARCOM
Sgt. Betsy Bibb, ARCOM

Sixth U.S. Army Band

Spc. Tracy Williams, ARCOM

Soldier saves child's life

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Chief Warrant Officer Manuel Guizar flipped through the pages of his newspaper while he waited for the next class to start. He was reading a news article which became quite interesting. He barely noticed the big Grizzly Adams-looking character run into the lobby of the hotel.

"You Army guys. We need your help. Someone has drowned," shouted the robust man. He was soaking wet from diving into the pool to save a 7-year-old's life.

Everyone rushed towards the side of the pool where the boy lay, not breathing, not moving, just lying dead.

Guizar picked up his pace, but he did not run to the pool side. He knew that someone must be taking care of the boy.

The dark haired warrant officer looked through the crowd expecting to see a team resuscitating the young boy. He did not. No one was there beside the boy's limp body.

"I took my BDU shirt off and went into a trance," Guizar said. "I started moving people out of my way and kneeled by the boy. I tilted his head back, pinched his nose, started giving the boy air."

Guizar's assistant in bringing the boy back to life was only pressing the chest with her fingers instead of palms. Between breaths, Guizar tried to teach the female, but she still only used her fingers.

"I felt I had to give deeper breaths, because I wasn't getting much assistance," the father of two girls said. "On the fifth breath I blew very hard. One sergeant nearby said he thought we were getting some response. The boy's color started coming back.

"The boy's body started twitching. I turned his head to look for obstructions and make sure he hadn't vomited. He had not," said the commander of the Personal Assistant Point at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. "After we realized he came around, everyone started cheering.

"He went into shock and started acting strange. It was like he remembered being at the bottom of the pool, and now he was outside the pool and all these people were around," said Guizar, who is attached to the 601st Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment to Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters. "He started pushing people out of his way so he could have more room. He gave me a very long stare. It was then that he realized I revived him."

Chad, the victim, was at the Holiday Inn in Kentucky for a family reunion. The celebration was cut short. Chad's mother picked him up immediately after the incident. Luckily, Guizar was there for training.

"I was so tense after that. We went outside and broke into tears," Guizar said. "I started thinking about my kids [Cindy, 11, and Mandy, 4]. I know my wife sometimes takes them swimming, so I got worried."

Mandy came over and sat on her daddy's lap, picked up his BDU cap and put it on her head. She, too, is proud of her father's accomplishments.

"I'm really proud of him," wife Margrit said. "It makes me feel good to know he saved a boy's life."

Guizar is proudest of wearing his uniform on the day of the incident.

"After it was all over, 'Grizzly Adams' came in and said, 'I knew you could do it. I knew you Army guys could do it,'" Guizar remembered. "I was so proud to be there wearing my uniform."

Sam Park, TSC

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, deputy commanding general, active component, Sixth U. S. Army presents Chief Warrant Officer Manuel Guizar with an Army Commendation Medal for helping save the life of a 7-year-old boy. Guizar was attending training in Kentucky when he rescued the child. Guizar's family attended the ceremony, including wife, Margrit and children, Mandy and Cindy.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, active component deputy commanding general for Sixth U.S. Army, presented Guizar with an Army Commendation Medal Feb. 24 in the Command Conference Room as his family stood by.

"They are truly an Army family, and it is great to honor such a family here today," Frix said as he presented the award. "He was able to save a 7-year-old boy's life not only because he's a heads-up, alert person, but also because he's a trained soldier. I can really appreciate his actions, because when I was six, I was in a similar situation and someone saved me."

A Bear Cub enjoys the Boy Scout anniversary celebration.

Boy Scouts celebrate 50th anniversary

"Flags over the Presidio" was the theme for the Presidio Cub Scout Pack's 77th Annual Blue and Gold Banquet, which convened Feb. 27 at the Scout Hut, Building 1331.

Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts, along with their families, enjoyed a potluck dinner at this gala event, which commemorated 50 years of Cub Scouting on the Presidio.

The Opening and Closing flag ceremonies were provided by Webelos Cub Scouts of Den 6 — Grant Davis, Jonathan Estrada and Robert Shaw — under the leadership of Maj. Jim Sauer, and Capt. Steven Stryker presented the Invocation.

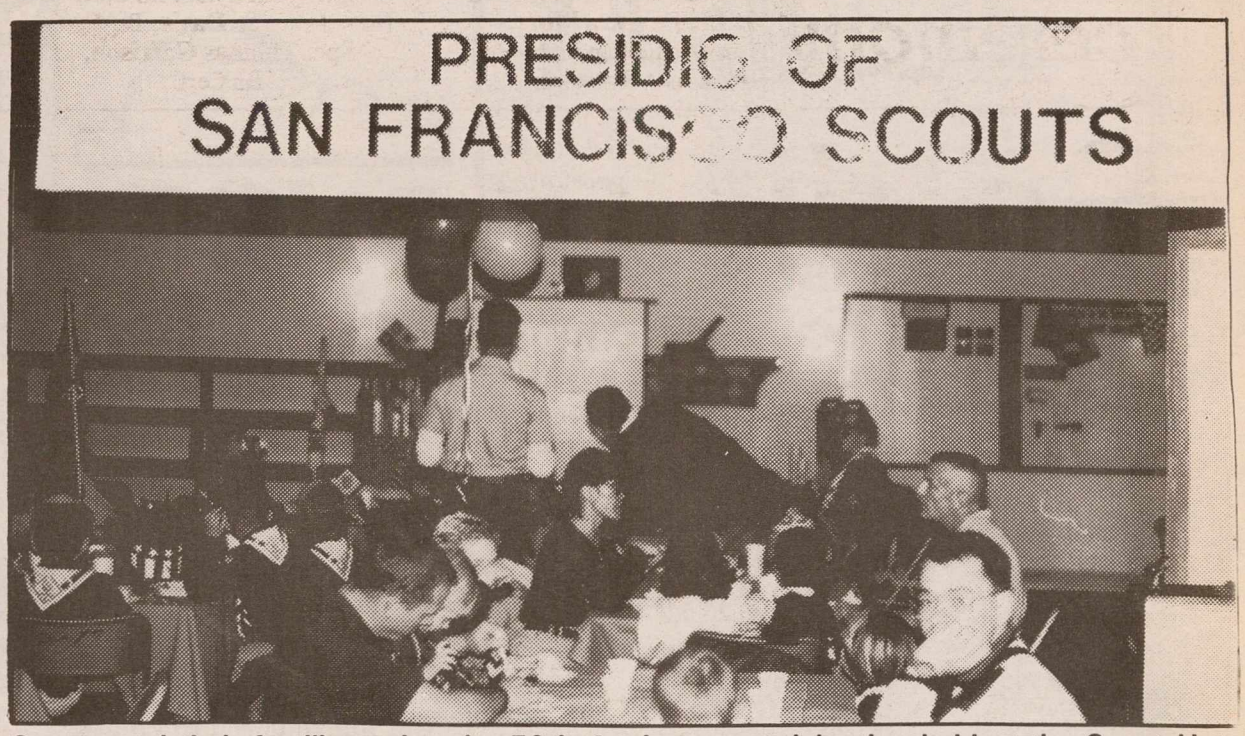
The District Representatives from the San Francisco Bay Area Scout Council gave a slide presentation on Scouting as a character-buildng program.

Guest speaker Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, the Presidio Scouting Coordinator and a former Eagle Scout, talked about the Indians as the first Presidio residents and the important role the Presidio played in the development of the Western United States. He also discussed the importance of Scouting in his life and encouraged boys to continue on in the program and strive for the Eagle Rank.

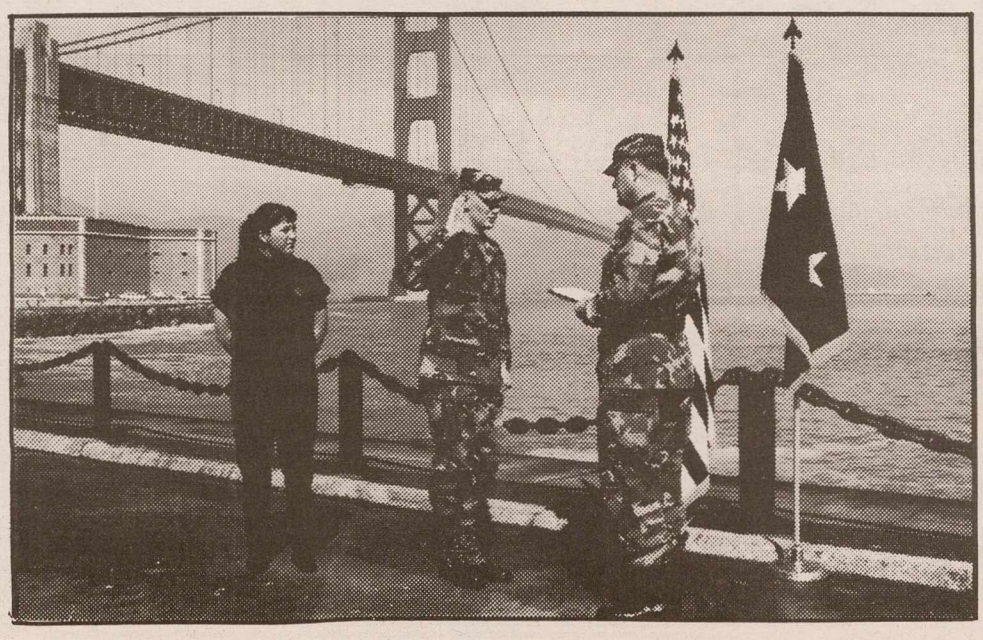
Geared for the younger boys, Cub Scouting originated in the United States in 1932 as a program separate from Boy Scouts. In 1944, Cub Scout Pack 77 began operating on the presidio. *For more information on joining* Cub Scout Pack 77, contact Col. Jim Newell at **561-2682.**

Story and photos by Teresa Seegal

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, deputy commanding general, active component, Sixth U.S. Army, addresses Scouts and family members during the Boy Scout 50th Anniversary celebration.



Scouts and their families enjoy the 50th Anniversary celebration held at the Scout Hut, Building 1331.



Four more years of fun & sun

Spc. Shawne D. Maile reenlists for four more years Feb. 28 at Fort Point. Maile is the driver for Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, Sixth U.S. Army deputy commander, active component. Frix served as the reenlistment officer at the ceremony. Maile's wife, Spc. Theresa Maile, a military police investigator from Law Enforcement Company, attended the ceremony. Maile reenlisted for "sun and fun in Hawaii," he said. "It also gives me a great opportunity to scuba dive and hike, which I love to do. I always wanted to go to Hawaii, now the Army is going to send me." He is scheduled to PCS in July. Now that he wil be serving four more years in the military, his goals are to continue taking classes to earn his bachelor's degree. "I want to continue to improve myself, earn my degree and plan for my future."

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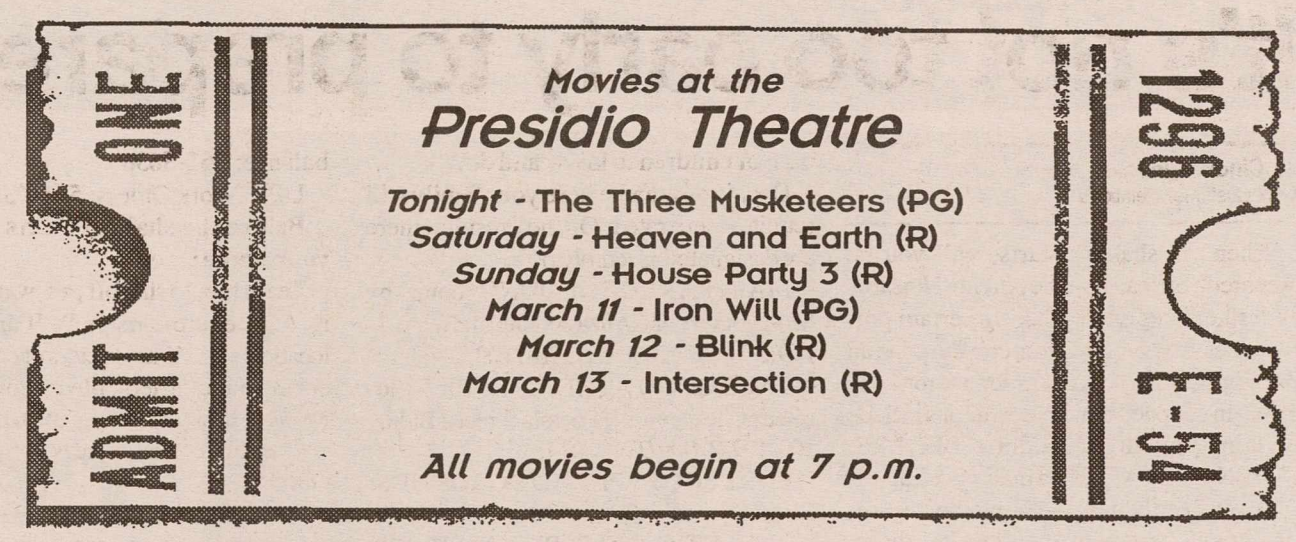
Best Ball Golf Tournament

The Best Ball Foursome golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at 12 noon, March 24, at the Presidio Army Golf Course. The tournament is open to all active duty personnel and family members (19 years or older), DA civilians assigned or attached to Presidio of San Francisco, and Army retirees on a space available basis residing within 50 miles of the Presidio of San Francisco. Entries must be received by the Sports Branch no later than March 23. For information, phone **561-4131**.

Nimitz Lectureship

The Departments of Military Education at the University of California, Berkeley, are presenting the Tenth Annual Flt. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Memorial Lectureship. Lt. Gen. Bernard E. Trainor, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) will deliver this year's lectures. Trainor is currently the Director of the National Security Program and Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Previously, he was the military correspondent for the *New York Times*, a position he took shortly after retiring from the Marine Corps in 1985. He continues to contribute his military expertise for the *New York Times Syndicate* and is a military consultant for ABC. Trainor's lectures will be: "A Yardstick for Humanitarian Intervention," March 22, and "The Military and the Media," March 23. Both lectures are free and open to the public. They will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Sibley Auditorium in the Bechtel Engineering Center on the UC Berkeley campus.



Women's tennis group

The Presidio Women's Tennis Group is looking for more intermediate players. The Tennis Group plays tennis at Courts 1 and 2, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call Sue Fahey at **586-2719** for information.

Masters Golf Tournament

The Presidio of San Francisco has been allotted one Series Badge for the Masters Golf Tournament which will be played at Augusta, Ga., April 7-10. The series badge is good for the entire tournament.

All active duty military personnel interested in obtaining the badge for the Masters Golf Tournament are urged to submit their names to the Presidio Sports Office not later than March 9. A drawing for the series badge will be held at 10 a.m., March 10, in Bldg. 63 (Post Gym #1).

For information contact the Presidio Sports Office at **561-5032/4120**.

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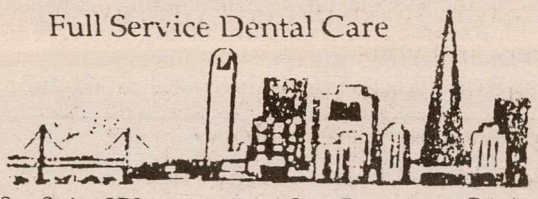
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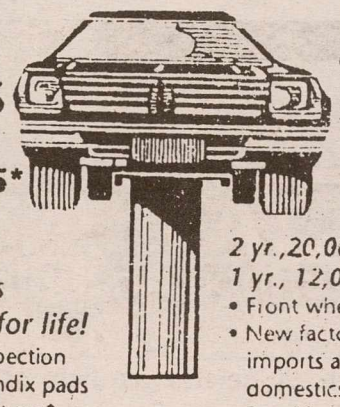
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By Cindy Agness
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Before the shaking starts -- prepare your family.

Know the safe spots in each room: against inside walls, under sturdy tables or desks, standing in supported doorways.

Know the danger sports: windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces and tall, unsecured furniture.

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Keep a list of EMERGENCY numbers: Fire Department, Military Police, Ambulance: **561-5656**

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Before the shaking starts -- prepare your home.

Learn how to shut off gas, water, electricity (if lines are damaged). If unsure of the location of the lines, meters or circuit breakers in your quarters, please contact Larry Monk, Family Housing, at **561-6295**.

Keep breakables or heavy objects on bottom shelves.

Secure tall, heavy furniture which could topple, such as book cases, china cabinets or wall units.

Make sure the water heater is secured and any other appliances which could move and rupture gas or electricity lines.

Secure hanging plants and heavy picture frames or mirrors (especially over beds).

Put latches on cabinet doors to hold closed during shaking.

Keep flammable or hazardous liquids such as paints, pest sprays or cleaning products in the garage or outside shed.

Check chimney, roof, walls, and building for structural condition.

For continued preparation measures on how to be ready for "the big one," check the *Star Presidian* next week for information on stocking emergency supplies.

Bay Pacific Pipelines will continue working in the 600 and 900 administration building area (all located north of Highway 101 and west of the Crissy Field Helipad) until Thursday.

Water outages will occur only on weekdays and can be expected to begin as early as 7:30 a.m. Water service is expected to be restored no later than 5 P.m. each evening. Water will be available overnight.

The next area of concern will be the 200, 600 and 1100 administration buildings from March 11-22. This is the area north of Highway 101 and east of the Crissy Field Helipad. Initial information should already have been received by the building occupants affected.

A local water outage will occur March 11 in the area of the intersection of Infantry Terrace and Moraga Avenue, to include Officer Housing (quarters 325-332), Fire Inspection Branch (Bldg. 385), Child Development Center (Bldg 387), and Youth Activities Center (Bldg. 386). The outage will occur between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and will last no longer than six hours.

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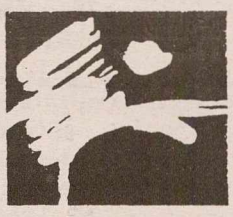

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Just for fun: test your nutrition knowledge

By Capt. Maria E. Bovill, R.D.
Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic
Nutrition Action Health Letter, Oct 1992
Center for Science in the Public Interest

Test your nutrition knowledge! Give yourself a point for each correct answer. Here's how to rate your score:

0-10 -- What happened?
11-21 -- Not too shabby.
22-32 -- Consider yourself a "source" of nutrition knowledge!
33-42 -- You're a "nutrition whiz!"

1. About how many teaspoons of sugar (or corn syrup) are there in a 12-ounce can of cola?
a. 5
b. 7
c. 10
d. 13

2. A cup of whole milk has eight grams of fat. How many grams of fat does a cup of 2-percent "low fat" milk have?
a. 2
b. 3
c. 4
d. 5

3. Which of these cereals has less than 25 percent added sugar?
a. Honey Nut Cheerios
b. Frosted Flakes
c. Bran Buds
d. Life

4. Which of these cereals is low in fiber?
a. Wheatena
b. Cream of Wheat
c. Oatmeal
d. Oat bran

5. Which of these cereals is not low in fiber?
a. Shredded Wheat
b. Rice Krispies
c. Corn Flakes
d. Granola
e. All of them

6. Which of these fruit juices is a source of vitamin C (assuming none have been fortified)?
a. Grape
b. Apple
c. Prune
d. Pineapple

7. Which of these fruits is low in beta-carotene?
a. Nectarines
b. Papaya
c. Grapes
d. Cantaloupe
e. Tangerines

8. Which of these fruits is low in potassium, a nutrient that may help prevent high blood pressure?
a. Banana
b. Grapefruit
c. Cantaloupe
d. Watermelon
e. Honeydew

9. About how many teaspoons of added sugar are there in one cup of fruit yogurt?
a. 1
b. 2
c. 3
d. 4
e. 5

10. Which of these is not a whole grain?
a. Bulgur
b. Millet
c. Popcorn
d. Grits
e. Oatmeal

11. Which of these is rich in complex carbohydrates?
a. Pretzels
b. Pasta
c. Biscuits
d. Rye crackers
e. All of the above

12. Which of these is lowest in beta-carotene?
a. Zucchini
b. Broccoli
c. Kale
d. Brussel sprouts
e. Winter squash

13. Which of these cookies usually has the least fat?
a. Chocolate chip
b. Peanut butter
c. Sandwich
d. Oatmeal

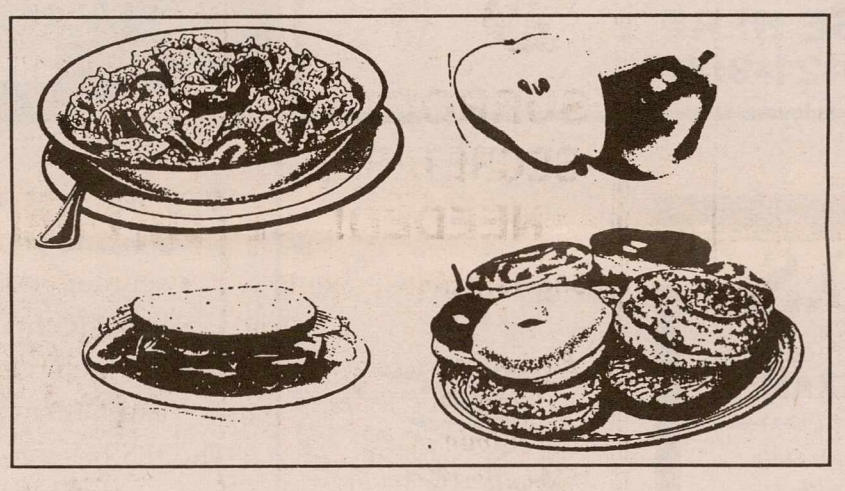
14. If you eat 2,000 calories a day, your daily saturated fat intake should be less than how many grams?
a. 20
b. 25
c. 30
d. 35

15. How many grams of saturated fat are there in two slices of a Pizza Hut medium hand-tossed cheese pizza?
a. 8
b. 12
c. 14
d. 18

16. Which of these meats has the least fat?
a. Extra lean ground beef
b. Ground turkey
c. Ground turkey breast
d. Ground chicken

17. Which skinless chicken or turkey part has the most fat? (Assume that the serving sizes are equal.)
a. Breast
b. Thigh
c. Wing
d. Drumstick

18. Which has the least cholesterol?
a. Skinless chicken breast
b. Skinless turkey breast
c. Trimmed top round steak
d. Flounder
e. All have about the same



19. Which has the least saturated fat?
a. Flounder
b. Skinless chicken
c. Trimmed veal loin
d. Trimmed top round steak

20. Which has more than two grams of saturated fat in a four-ounce cooked serving?
a. Skinless chicken breast
b. Skinless turkey wing
c. Trimmed beef top round (select grade)
d. Trimmed beef bottom round (select grade)
e. Pork tenderloin

21. Which has less than 500 mg. of sodium per serving?
a. Campbell's Special Request Vegetable Soup
b. Dorito Lights
c. Turkey roll sandwich
d. V-8 Juice
e. Lean Cuisine Zucchini Lasagna

22. Which has more than 150 mg. of cholesterol in a four-ounce serving?
a. Shrimp
b. Scallops
c. Clams
d. Lobster
e. Crab

23. True or false: children ages 2-5 should not drink 1 percent low-fat or skim milk.

24. Which of these vegetables is not a source of calcium?
a. Kale
b. Broccoli
c. Green beans
d. Collards
e. Bok choy

25. Which is low in folic acid, a B-vitamin that may help prevent birth defects?
a. Leafy greens
b. Orange juice
c. Wheat germ
d. Finfish
e. Beans

26. Which of these foods from McDonald's have the fewest calories?
a. Large French Fries
b. Quarter Pounder
c. Side Salad with Thousand Island Dressing
d. Biscuit with Sausage
e. All have about the same

27. True or false: most people need the iodine in iodized salt.

28. True or false: most Americans get more than enough phosphorus in their diets.

29. Which is not a source of vitamin E, an antioxidant?
a. Wheat germ
b. Nuts
c. Leafy green vegetables
d. Vegetable oils

30. Which of these sandwiches has the most saturated fat?
a. Swiss cheese
b. Tuna salad
c. Chicken salad
d. Sliced turkey
e. Peanut butter and jelly

31. True or false: vegetarians often get too little protein.

32. Which has less than 300 mg. of calcium per serving?
a. Yogurt
b. Cottage cheese
c. Skim milk
d. Cheddar cheese
e. None of the above

33. Which of these vegetables is a source of vitamins A and C?
a. Mushrooms
b. Green peas
c. Eggplant
d. Cucumber

34. Which is not a source of zinc, a trace element that is essential for proper growth?
a. Wheat germ
b. Sirloin steak
c. Turkey
d. Broccoli
e. Lentils

35. Which breakfast has the least fat?
a. Bagel with cream cheese
b. Danish
c. English muffin with jam
d. Doughnut
e. All have about the same

36. True or false: a 12-ounce wine cooler has more alcohol than a 12-ounce beer.

37. Which is not a good source of iron?
a. Clams
b. Black beans
c. Round steak
d. Raisins

38. Which bread typically contains the most fiber?
a. Raisin
b. Rye
c. Pumpernickel
d. Oatmeal
e. All have about the same

39. An ounce of whole-milk mozzarella has six grams of fat. How many grams does an ounce of part-skim mozzarella have?
a. 2
b. 3
c. 4
d. 5

40. Which of these supplies less than 100 mg. of sodium per serving?
a. Stouffer's Turkey Pie
b. Pizza Hut Supreme Pizza
c. Campbell's Pork & Beans
d. Burger King Whopper with Cheese
e. Taco Bell Bean Burrito with Red Sauce

41. Which of these is low in fiber?
a. Artichokes
b. Green pepper
c. Strawberries
d. Sweet potato (no skin)

42. True or false: it would be nice if at least the last question on this quiz were easy.

ANSWERS:

1-c 2-d 3-d 4-b 5-a 6-d 7-c 8-b 9-d 10-d 11-e 12-a 13-d 14-a 15-c 16-c 17-b 18-e 19-a 20-d 21-b 22-a 23-f 24-c 25-d 26-e 27-f 28-t 29-c 30-a 31-f 32-b 33-b 34-d 35-c 36-t 37-d 38-e 39-c 40-c 41-b 42-t

Presidio intramurals, youth teams heat up

Close games in Intramural hoops

USAG #II 51
LUSAHC 50

"You should have seen it. Lucas tossed a layup at the buzzer and everyone sat up to see if it would go in," said USAG's Alexander Calinagan as he recounted his team's last-second victory over Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, Feb. 24.

With three of their starters missing and one not showing up until the final four minutes of the game, USAG #II stayed close enough for Anthony Lucas to put up a last-second basket and finish the game with 12 points.

Other scores, Feb. 24
LUSAHC 55
LEC 59

Feb. 22
Sixth Rctg. Bde 60
LEC 68

USAG #I 56
FBI 61

Presidio Youth Basketball

Green Scorpions 42
Red Scorpions 36

The Red Scorpions held a 13-point lead in the second half, until Marva Morrow put on a 20-point scoring show Feb. 24 in Gym No. 1, Building 63.

Morrow hit six consecutive three-pointers, had seven for the game and finished with a total of 27 points. Bobbie Lewis kept the Red Scorpions close by scoring 22 points of his own. All of the players played an excellent game and look as though they will be burning up the nets this season on post.

—Jason Thomas

Youth Swim Team takes ribbons

By Maj. Mike Koplin
Youth Swim Team coach

The Presidio Youth Swim Team won 137 ribbons Saturday morning as they competed against the local Jewish Community Center swimmers. More than 60 swimmers met the challenge in freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke, and butterfly individual and relay events.

Having competed against the JCC the past four years, we always expect a tough challenge. This meet was no different as the Presidio swimmers watched many first- and second-place ribbons go to the other team.

On the other hand, the Presidio team collected 22 first place, 52 second-, 29 third-, 23 fourth-, 6 fifth- and 5 sixth-place ribbons.

However, the JCC swimmers will be back in May for the final match, and the Presidio's team will have a chance to redeem themselves. Meanwhile, the Presidio's swimmers practice from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. During practices they are put through swimming drills and races, and often swim up to one half mile or more during the hour.

The next swim meet will be at 9 a.m., April 9 at the Presidio Swimming Pool, Building 1151.

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It's time to knock the dust off the old golf clubs, because the 13th Annual AUSA Golf Tournament will be played at 8:15 a.m. April 8 on the Presidio Army Golf Course. It will begin with a shotgun start. The competition is a 4-player team scramble and is open to all military personnel and civilians. Entry fee includes a continental breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, lunch, prizes, drinks on the course, tee gifts, and the players' contribution to the AUSA. Tournament proceeds fund programs to support local soldiers and their families. For more information, call Forrest Holloway at **561-2733**.

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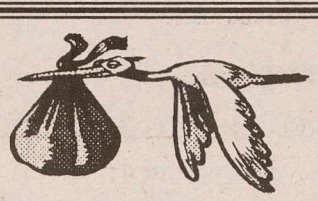

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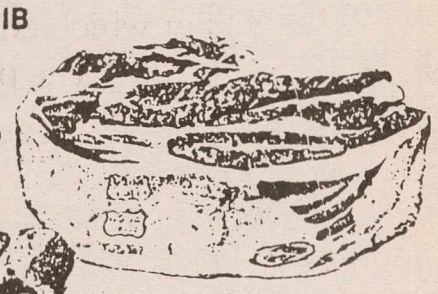

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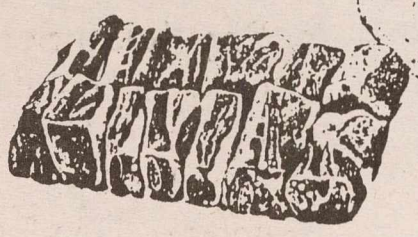

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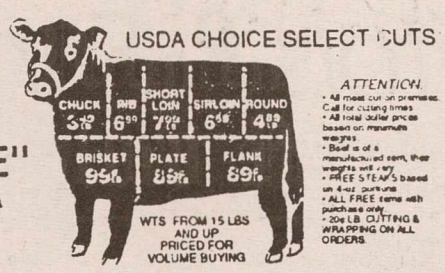

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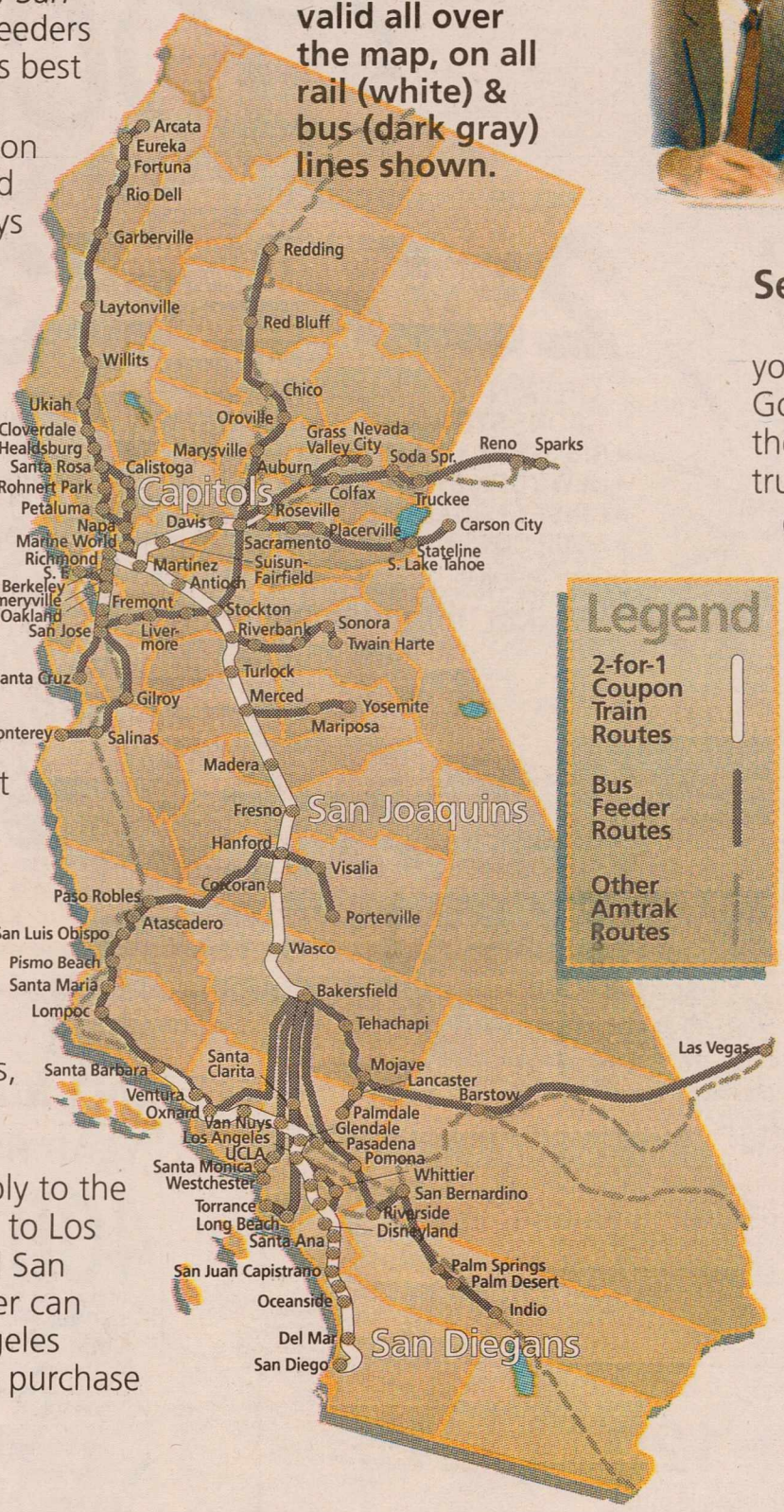

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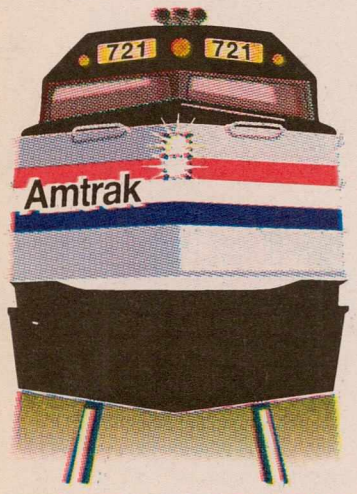

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Child's Play!

Spc. Adrienne Story

While Theresa Winterhalter plays an Irish tune on the flute, her daughter, Shannon, holds the piccolo and Cory Hancock tries to pull down her music stand. Day care provider Raechelle Davis comes to the rescue. Many infants gathered around the musician as she played her instruments during the multi-cultural event held at the Presidio Child Development Center recently.

Reserve units drawdown

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Secretary of Defense William Perry recently announced reserve component manpower reductions and units to be inactivated by the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Reserve in Fiscal Year 1994. This will result in a reduction of 55,100 billets this fiscal year. The actions are consistent with the Guard and Reserve personnel end year strength reductions reflected in the congressional appropriations for FY 1994.

Local units affected are: Sixth U.S. Army Reserve Component NCO Academy (Camp Parks); 91st Maneuver Area Command, Training (Dublin); 12th Special Forces Augmentation Detachment (Hamilton Army Airfield); 12th Special Forces Battalion, Airborne (Hamilton); 73rd International Law/Claims Detachment (Presidio of San Francisco); 74th Court Martial Defense Detachment (Presidio); 221st International Law/Claims Detachment (Presidio).

According to a spokesman for the 124th U.S. Army Reserve Command, the legal teams were inactivated and those slots were transferred to the Sixth Legal Support Organization at Fort Lawton, Wash. Of the 38 slots in the units, only five will remain at the Presidio as part of Court-Martial Team Six. The other 33 slots will be dispersed throughout the Legal Support Organization. The 12th Special Forces units, part of Special Operations Command, were moved to Moffett Field. The NCO Academy was placed under the purview of the U.S. Army Reserve Command. The 91st MTC was reorganized as the Simulation Brigade under the 91st Division (Exercise).

Town Hall response

Editor's Note: This information was provided by the Civilian Personnel Directorate in response to a Town Hall issue.

Pay setting is often a very complex issue. It varies from agency to agency. However, there are some rules that all federal agencies must follow. For employees who have or are accepting a voluntary separation incentive and want to be reemployed in the federal government, these basic rules still apply. Please note that in this article the phrase "if permitted by local directives" means that it must be written in the agency's (i.e., Corps of Engineers, GSA, Treasure Island, Oakland Army Base, etc.) pay regulation.

Reinstatements

A reinstatement is the reemployment of a former employee based on the employee's previous career or career conditional employment.

Pay on reinstatements can be set in one of several ways depending on whether the employee left his or her previous federal government job voluntarily or involuntarily.

Pay on reinstatement can be set in one of the following ways:

— Minimum step of the grade (step 1).

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted by local directives (highest rate at which an employee's pay can be set).

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted by local directives (highest rate of pay previously paid to a person while a civilian employee of the federal government)

When the employee's separation was involuntary and the employee is being reinstated under specific reemployment or restoration programs, pay can be set in these ways:

— Government-wide minimum requirement for mandatory restoration (an employee is entitled to a rate at least equal to the rate the employee would have received if he or she had not left). This means that the employee is entitled to all pay actions such as within-grade increases, comparability adjustments and promotions that he or she would have received while absent.

— GS maximum payable rate if permitted by local directives.

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted by local directives.

A voluntary separation occurs when an employee chooses to leave federal employment of his or her own will. The most common voluntary separations are resignations and optional retirements. Pay on reinstatement or restoration when the employee's prior separation was voluntary can be set in one of the following ways:

— Minimum step of the grade.

— GS maximum payable rate if permitted by local directives.

— Government-wide minimum requirement for mandatory restoration.

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Garrison commander responds

By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

It's time once again for me to respond to the concerns of my fellow Presidians. I feel it's very important to keep everyone informed as we move closer to the Presidio's closure.

Sgt. Dawn Wilken and family member **Aurea T. Covey** asked about medical care for soldiers, family members and retirees after Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic closes.

There are several programs which have been authorized in California by the Department of Defense and the Health Care Finance Administration through which health care can be provided for retirees after the closure of Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Those who are eligible for the Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services are encouraged to enroll in TRICARE Prime, a CHAMPUS program which works like a Health Maintenance Organization and significantly decreases the cost for health care. Those individuals who are not interested in enrolling in this program should consider purchasing a CHAMPUS supplement to decrease their expense. Retirees who are Medicare eligible are encouraged to explore Medicare HMOs and Medicare insurance supplements.

LUSAHC's Patient Service Center will continue to help beneficiaries plan for future health care, including enrollment in TRICARE Prime or placement in a Medicare HMO until the center closes at the end of June.

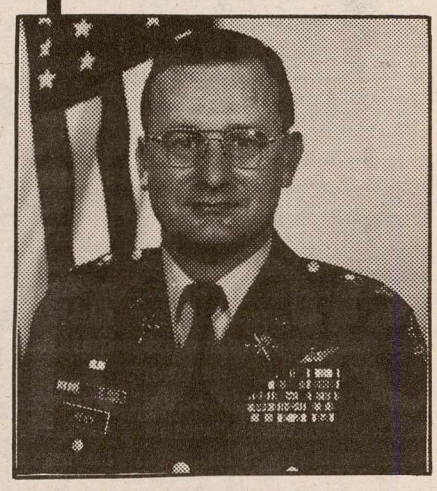
All beneficiaries who need assistance transitioning their health care into the civilian community are encouraged to contact the Patient Service Center in Room 215 at LUSAHC until June 30. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Friday and is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. To reach the Patient Service Center, please call **561-4509**.

Spc. Clifford McDonald asked about a difference in the dining facility's food. What you have seen is a change in the management system. When the dining facility was operated by the hospital, it was under Health Services Command's regulations, which are very different from The Army Food Service Program, Army Regulation 30-1, which we currently operate under. Under the old system money was not an issue. Under AR 30-1, the dining facility operates on a money basis. Our reduced headcount coupled with base closure has forced us to cut back in the dining facility to stay within the guidelines of AR 30-1.

We have also established a dining facility council to ensure that the dining facility continues to provide quality. If you have a problem while in the dining facility please bring it to the immediate attention of the dining facility manager, Staff Sgt. Gutierrez, or Mr. Fields. You can also address your specific concerns to your unit chain of command or unit dining facility council representative.

Sgt. 1st Class Tim Jansons wanted to know if the military intelligence detachment's soldiers will have to move out of their quarters when the detachment moves to Oakland. Soldiers in family housing will be "grandfathered" in their current quarters. This means that soldiers will remain in their quarters until they leave, and housing will be emptied by normal attrition.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention. You may also use the Commander's Hotline **(561-BOSS)** for answers to your base closure questions.

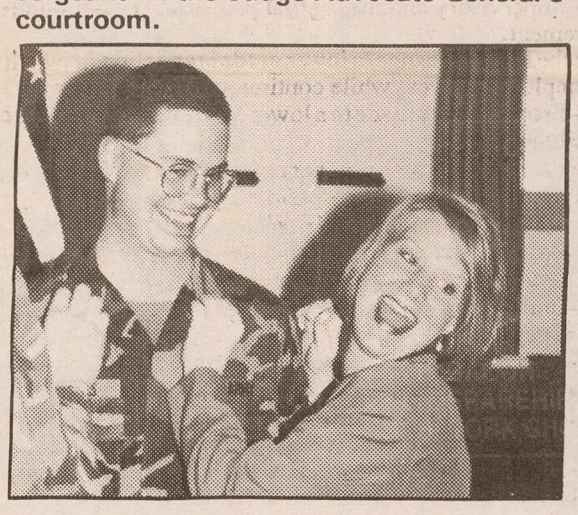


Col. Gregory A. Renn

Congrats...

Promotions

March 1 was a big day for promotions on the Presidio. (Clockwise) Supply specialist Dawn Wilken was promoted to sergeant in the Headquarters Command Battalion; Infantryman Jason Richards was promoted to staff sergeant in the office of Capt. Tracy Sharpe, commander, HHC; and legal specialist Brenton Reeves was promoted to sergeant in the Judge Advocate General's courtroom.



Mayor honored

Janine Walruff receives a plaque and a gavel for her service as an installation mayor March 3 in Building 220, before leaving with her husband for a new duty station. Lt. Col. Gregory Davis (right), chief, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, presented the award. Walruff was cited for developing the "Fog Hill News," a quarterly newsletter for her housing area. Walruff began or coordinated various events, while working part time and graduating with honors from nursing school.

photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Soldier saves family from fiery death

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

A Sixth Army soldier is a hero after saving a family from a fiery death in a San Francisco mansion Feb. 23.

Staff Sgt. Mark Metzler, housing inspector, Housing Division, Department of Public Works, saved the lives of a woman and her son who were having breakfast while the upper floor belched smoke.

Unbeknownst to the woman, who was downstairs at the time, a fire broke out on the third floor of the woman's home. The family could have suffered severely if it hadn't been for the actions of Metzler, a former military policeman, and his wife .

The house is located on Jackson Street between Maple and Cherry streets, one block east of the Arguello Gate. The blackened third floor windows of the house show obvious damage from the fire.

"This Sixth Army soldier was driving to work and saw smoke pouring from the top floor of the house. He called 911, then knocked on the door to see if anyone was inside. The family was eating breakfast while unbeknownst to them their house was burning over their heads," said Robert Stewart, a former MP here who now works security for the woman's mansion.

Metzler was able to get the two family members out safely.

Metzler said he was bringing his wife, Phyllis, home from school and had taken a wrong turn, one that placed them on Jackson Street instead of the one they wanted.

"My wife and I noticed what looked like smoke drifting through the air. As we drove by the house we could see smoke pouring through the window," Metzler said.

Metzler said the neighbors appeared to be transfixed by the smoke. None of them appeared able to offer any assistance.

"They just stood across the street, gawking at this woman's house," he said. "I asked if anyone called 911, and they justed looked at me. It never seemed to occur to them that the house was on fire."

Metzler said he told one of them to call 911. Meanwhile, a young boy had come out of the house, but was about to go back in.

"I told the boy to go across the street with my wife. Then I noticed his mother inside, acting disoriented. I was finally able to persuade her to get out, too," he said.

Metzler said the fire department told the woman that if the fire had continued for five more minutes it would have done irreparable damage to the structure.

"I don't know if it was fate, destiny or the hand of God that made me take that wrong turn, but I'm glad I did it," Metzler exclaimed.

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Tax corner

Home state drives tax withholding

By Linda S. Lee
American Forces Information Services

State tax withholding can be confusing. That's why the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the states work together to make it easier for service members.

The state tax withholding program begins when a state, commonwealth or the District of Columbia enters into an agreement with the Treasury Department to have taxes withheld from service members' pay. Then, agreement information flows from treasury officials to DoD's finance service to states. This includes tax tables and procedures.

The finance service withholds state taxes from an individual's pay. A person's home-of-record state for tax purposes drives the withholding program, said finance officials.

For example, if the individual claims Texas or another state that doesn't have an individual state income tax, no taxes are withheld. If the service member claims a state with income taxes and no exceptions are made for service members, an amount specified by the state is withheld.

Some states allow exemptions from withholding for individuals stationed outside the state, said finance officials. These are Alabama, California, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota and New Mexico. Arizona and Missouri let service members decide if they want taxes withheld. Specific information on these exemptions is available at local finance offices.

An important point concerning withholding taxes is an exemption from withholding does not release the individual from state tax liabilities, stressed finance officials.

Current information shows states that do not have an agreement with the Treasury Department are Alaska, Florida, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. This situation could change.

If you have questions or need more information concerning your state's withholding tax contact the Presidio of San Francisco Military Pay Liaison at **561-2776**.

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Reemployment Priority List

The Reemployment Priority List (RPL) contains the names of employees separated because of reduction in force (RIF). Also on the RPL are names of employees separated because of compensable injury or disability.

Pay on reemployment from the RPL can be set in one of the following ways:

— Agency directives on involuntary separations.

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted by local directives.

— Minimum step of the grade.

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted by local directives.

Mandatory Restoration

Some employees are entitled to mandatory restoration. This means they are entitled to reemployment and, when reemployed, their employment status must be restored (as if they never left their former federal civilian employment).

Employees are entitled to mandatory restoration when they are reemployed after:

— A period of military duty (criteria must be met).

— A period of absence as a result of sustaining a compensable injury or disability (criteria must be met).

— A period of absence caused by an unwarranted or unjustified personnel action (certain conditions must be met).

Pay on mandatory restoration can be set in one of the following ways:

— Government-wide minimum requirement for mandatory restoration.

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted by local directives.

Transfers and Conversions with No Grade Change

On transfers and conversions, an employee's pay may or may not change. Transfers and conversions to a higher or lower grade are handled as promotions or changes to lower grade. Transfer and conversions have specific definitions in the federal government. These definitions are:

— Transfer: An employee moves from one agency to another without a break in service. A break in service means a separation of at least one full workday.

— Conversion: An employee is given another appointment in the same agency without a break in service of more than three calendar days.

Pay on transfers and conversions to a position at the same grade can be set in one of the following ways:

— No change in pay.

— Local directives on transfers between federal agencies. Local directives sometimes specify how pay is set on transfers between federal agencies. For example, a local directive may state that the agency will set an employee's rate at least equal to his or her existing rate (the rate the employee is receiving immediately before the transfer or conversion).

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted.

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted.

— Changes between wage areas (this applies to wage grade employees only). When an employee is transferred or converted in the same pay plan (WG, WL, or WS) and grade but in a different wage area, pay is set using the wage schedule for the wage area the employee is moving to. When a transfer or conversion is to a wage area with higher or lower rates, pay can be set in one of the following ways: employee's highest previous rate if permitted or new wage area rate for the employee's grade and step.

Reassignments

A reassignment occurs when an employee changes positions while serving continuously in the same agency with no change in grade. An employee's pay on reassignment normally will not change.

Pay (for GS employees) on reassignments can be set in one of the following ways:

— No change in pay.

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted by local directives.

— Changes between regular and special salary rate schedules. When an employee is reassigned from a regular rate position to a special salary rate position, pay is set at the grade and step on the special salary rate schedule that corresponds to the grade and step the employee held on the regular pay schedule. An employee who is involuntarily reassigned from a special rate position to a regular rate position and would lose pay is entitled to pay retention.

Whether a change in grade occurs or not in the Federal Wage System (FWS) is more complicated to determine than in the GS. The reason is that there are three wage schedules to deal with -- the WG, WL and WS wage schedules. A reassignment occurs when there is no change in representative rate when there is a move between wage schedules. Representative rates play a very important part in pay setting in the FWS. They are used to identify the action that is taking place. The action needs to be identified first so that proper pay-setting policies can be applied. FWS representative rates are the second step (step 2) on the WG, WL and WS wage schedules.

Pay on reassignments can be set in one of the following ways:

— No change in pay. An employee's pay normally will not change when the employee is reassigned from one FWS position to another position at the same grade under the same FWS wage schedule in the same wage area.

— Employee's HPR if permitted by local directives. Pay can change if local directives permit the use of an employee's HPR to set pay.

— Changes between wage areas. When an employee is reassigned between wage areas, pay is set using the wage schedule for the wage area the employee is moving to.

When a reassignment is to a wage area with higher or lower rates, pay can be set in one of the following ways:

— Employee's HPR if local directives permit.

— New wage area rate for the employee's grade and step

Changes between regular and amended wage schedules. When an employee is voluntarily reassigned from a regular wage schedule position to an amended wage schedule position, or vice versa, pay is set for the employee's grade and step using the wage schedule the employee is moving to. Pay can be set in one of the following ways:

— Employee's HPR if local directives permit.

— Wage schedule rate for the employee's grade and step.

An employee who is involuntarily reassigned from an amended wage schedule to a regular wage schedule does not have his or her pay reduced. The employee is entitled to receive a rate on the regular wage schedule that equals or exceeds his or her existing rate. However, if on these involuntary reassignments there is no rate on the regular wage schedule for the employee's grade that equals or exceeds the employee's existing rate, the employee is entitled to pay retention if they meet requirements.

Promotions

For pay setting in the GS, a promotion occurs when an employee moves from a lower GS grade to a higher GS grade. Pay on promotions can be set in one of these ways:

— Government-wide GS mandatory promotion rule requires that pay on promotion be set at a rate that exceeds the employee's existing rate of pay by at least two step increases unless that rate exceeds the top step of the grade the employee is being promoted to. If the top step of the grade is exceeded, pay is then set at the top step.

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted.

— Changes between regular and special pay schedules.

In the FWS, a promotion occurs when an employee moves from a:

— Lower grade to a higher FWS grade in the same schedule.

— Position with a lower representative grade (step 2) to one with a higher representative grade (step 2).

Pay on promotions can be set in one of these ways:

— Government-wide FWS mandatory promotion rule. Set at the lowest scheduled rate of the grade to which the employee is promoted that exceeds his or her existing scheduled rate of pay by at least four percent of the representative rate (step 2) or the grade from which the employee is promoted. If the top step of the grade is exceeded, pay is then set at the top step.

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted.

— Changes between wage areas.

— Changes between regular and amended wage schedules.

Changes to Lower Grade

In the GS, a change to lower grade (CLG) is an action in which an employee moves from a GS position at one grade to a position at a lower GS grade while continuously employed. CLGs can be voluntary (requested by the agency) or involuntary (initiated by the agency), on an employee's part, or be caused by failure to complete the supervisory or managerial probationary period.

Pay on voluntary CLGs can be set in one of the following ways:

— Local directives for voluntary CLGs.

— Pay retention requirements.

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted by local directives.

— After a temporary promotion has expired.

An involuntary CLG occurs when management moves an employee to a lower graded position. Whether the employee is at fault or not at fault makes a great deal of difference on how pay is set. Pay on involuntary CLGs when the employee is at fault can be set in one of the following ways:

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted.

— Any agency requirements for personal cause actions.

Pay on involuntary CLGs when the employee is not at fault can be set in one of the following ways:

— Grade and pay retention requirements.

— GS maximum payable rate rule if permitted by local directives.

— Supervisory and managerial probationary period requirement.

In the FWS, a change to lower grade is an action in which an employee moves, while continuously employed:

— From a higher grade to a lower grade in the same wage schedule.

— From a grade with a higher representative rate (step 2), to a grade with lower representative rate (step 2), in a different wage schedule (WG, WL or WS).

Pay on involuntary CLGs when the employee is at fault can be set in one of the following ways:

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted by local directives.

— Agency directives for personal cause actions.

Pay on involuntary CLGs when the employee is not at fault can be set in one of the following ways:

— Grade and pay retention requirements.

— Employee's highest previous rate if permitted by local directives.

— Supervisory or managerial probationary period requirement.

Grade Retention

Grade retention means the employee gets to keep the grade of his or her position for two years, even though placed in a lower graded position. Grade retention is mandatory for all employees who meet all three of the requirements listed below, unless the employee waives his or her right to it.

— The employee must be serving under a permanent appointment (not temporary or term).

— The employee must have been placed in the position under the General Schedule or a prevailing wage system (such as the Federal Wage System).

— The employee must have been placed in a lower graded position because of one of the following reasons:

— RIF. The employee must have served for at least 52 consecutive weeks at a grade or grades higher than that of the position in which placed by RIF.

OR — Position is reclassified to a lower grade. The position must have been continuously classified at the higher grade for at least one year immediately before the employee is placed in the lower graded position.

Pay Retention

Pay retention is mandatory for employees in the following situations:

— Employees whose two-year retention period ends.

— Employees affected by RIF or reclassification but who do not meet the eligibility requirements for grade retention (such as those who have served less than 52 weeks at a higher grade in a RIF situation).

— Employees placed in a formal employee development program used government-wide, such as Upward Mobility, Intern, and Apprenticeship programs.

— Employees whose special rates of pay are reduced or eliminated.

— Employees receiving amended or special rates who are involuntarily placed in a regular rate position or a lower amended special rate position.

— Employees who are involuntarily placed in a different pay schedule.

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News briefs

Best Ball Golf Tournament

The Best Ball Foursome golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at 12 noon, March 24, at the Presidio Army Golf Course. The tournament is open to all active duty personnel and family members (19 years or older), DA civilians assigned or attached to Presidio of San Francisco, and Army retirees on a space available basis residing within 50 miles of the Presidio of San Francisco. Entries must be received by the Sports Branch no later than March 23. For information, phone **561-4131**.

Women's tennis group

The Presidio Women's Tennis Group is looking for more intermediate players. The Tennis Group plays tennis at Courts 1 and 2, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call Sue Fahey at **586-2719** for information.

Teacher certification seminar

Want to become a teacher? If you are a college graduate and are being separated from the military or are a civilian affected by base closure, you may have a unique opportunity to participate in an accelerated program that will enable you to become certified as a teacher. Come to the Civilian Personnel Office, Second Floor Training room, 10 a.m., March 18, and learn how to qualify for a teaching job, what wages are paid to teachers, the accelerated teaching credential program, and what financial aid programs are available.

Ethics training

All civilian employees and enlisted soldiers who did not attend the mandatory annual Ethics Training in 1993 can still meet the requirement by attending one of the following sessions: March 21, 10 a.m.; March 23, 3 p.m. The training sessions are one hour in length and will be conducted at the Post Theater, Building 99. For information, call RoseAnn Pelzner, Paralegal, Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Office, at **561-4814**.

Spouses' Group Coffee

The Presidio Spouses' Group will have their first monthly coffee at 7 p.m. Monday at the Religious Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. We'll be "Puttin' On The Green" for St. Patrick's Day to make this first event extra special. If your spouse lives or works on the Presidio of San Francisco, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

Newcomers' Orientation

A newcomer's orientation briefing and historical tour of the Presidio is held the third Friday of every other month. This month's briefing will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m., March 18, at the Army Community Services Conference Room, Building 103B. The next newcomers' orientation briefing will be May 20. The briefing offers up-to-date information on: Hospital and Dental Clinic status; Delta Dental and CHAMPUS Prime; Transportation, bridge passes and post shuttle bus service; Engineering and Housing; Post Security; and Chapel services. Probably two of the most popular briefings are those from JAG, which helps you with claiming your moving expenses, and the Safety Office, which provides safety tips on earthquake preparedness. Other installation participants are the Education Center, AAFES, Commissary, Officers' Spouses' Club, Presidio Thrift Shop, Civilian Personnel, Military Personnel, SATO/ITT, and American Red Cross.

DoD civilians and their family members, all branches of service and their family members, living on or assigned to the PResidio within the last 120 days are welcome to attend. Family members are encouraged to attend even if the military member is unable to be present.

Child care is provided at no cost to those attending the newcomer's briefing, enabling family members to attend with or without their sponsor. Child care costs have been donated by the Presidio Thrift Shop. Reservations must be made for child care by Wednesday. Call Kristine Cooper, Child Development Center, at **561-6004**.

The briefing begins promptly at 9 a.m., so please be seated by 8:55 a.m. After the briefing, there will be an informal question and answer period, during which refreshments will be served. The tour of the Presidio begins at 10:30 a.m., immediately after the briefing, and lasts about one hour.

Please contact Vickie Crider, Relocation Assistance Program Manager, at **561-5256** for information.

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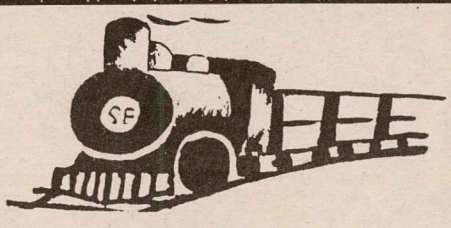

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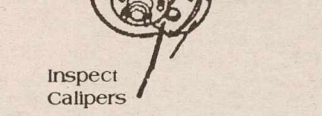

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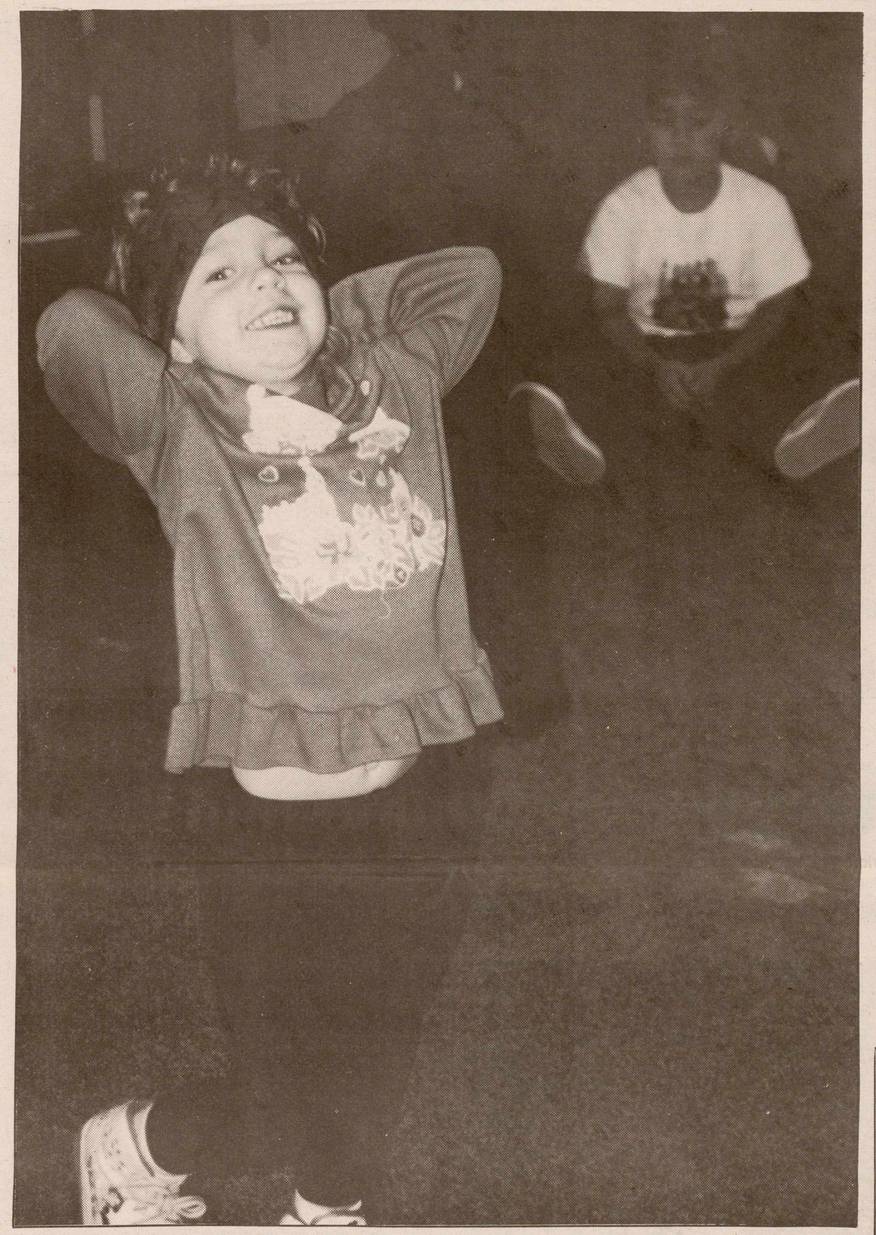
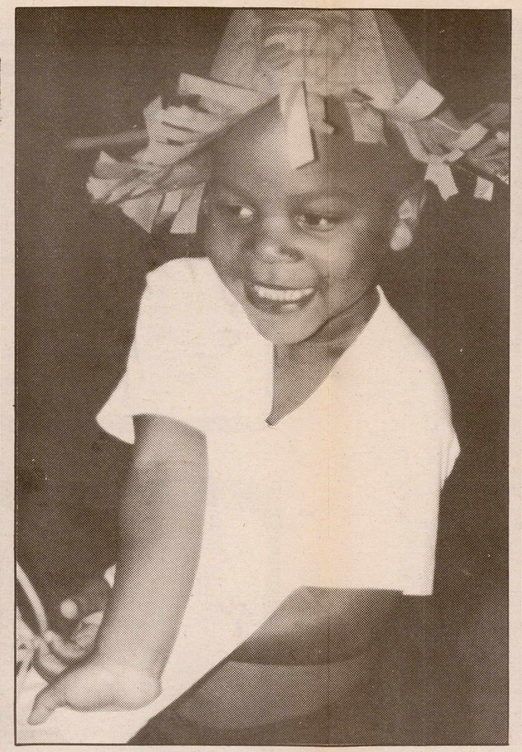
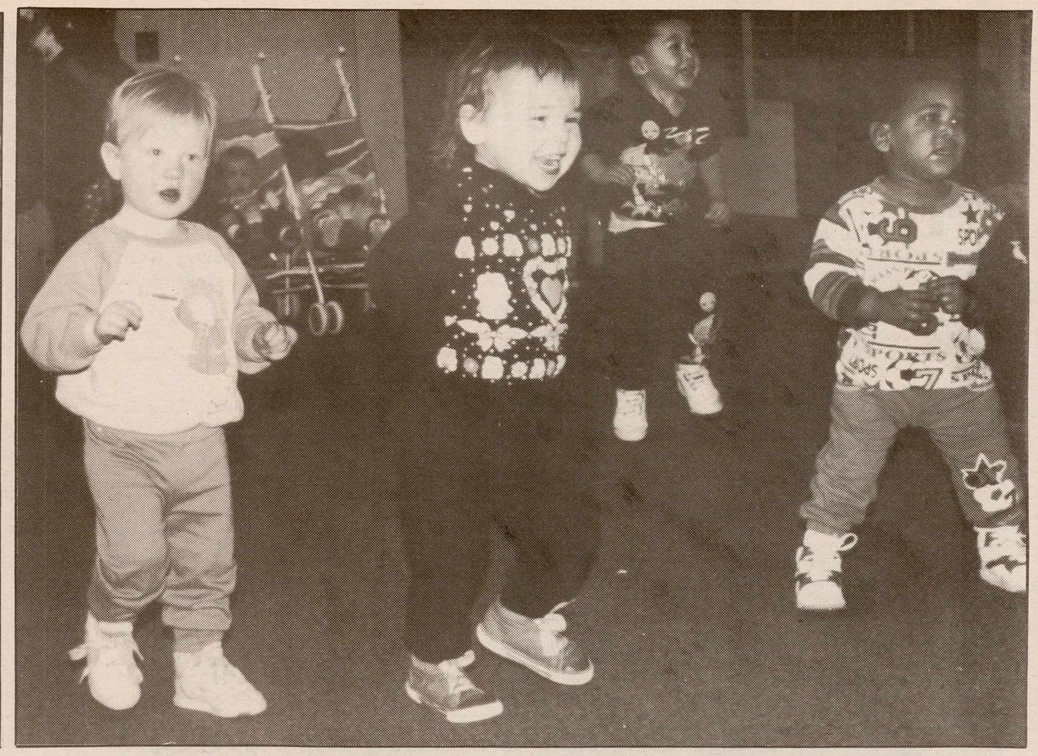


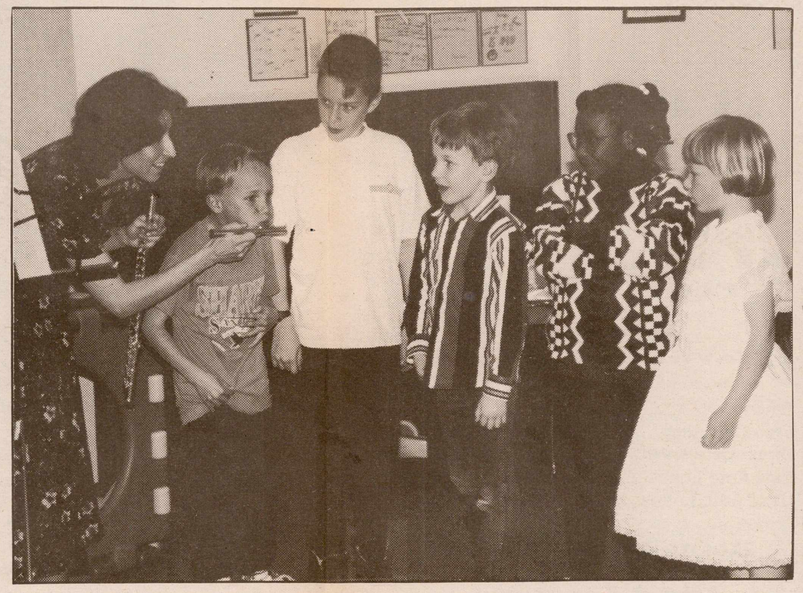




Child's Play!

Child Development Center Multi-cultural celebration

(Top left) Enjoying the celebration, Katy Winterhalter dances to an African beat. (Top, middle) A little overwhelmed by the crowd, Karl Glasper tries to perform his dance while wearing his paper sombrero. (Top, right) Stomping their feet and laughing out loud, Sierra Wilken, Victoria Rathbure, Henry Ray Conway and Jonathon Ford dance during the Child Development Center's multi-cultural celebration. (Right) Showing off her Puerto Rican dress, Tonya Kasten dances to music from her culture. Children from her room and their day care providers performed a Puerto Rican dance and sang a tune. (Below) Blowing forcefully, children try to play the flute. Many children at the Multicultural event volunteered to play. Theresa Winterhalter held the instrument while the children tried to get so much as one note. Many were successful.



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Children danced to the African drums, they sang a Puerto Rican song, an instrument hummed an Irish tune, music of *A Filipino Lady* filled the air and a tale from Britain was told as spirits of the past looked down and smiled upon the crowd.

The crowd celebrated as the spirits came alive through the performances of children and their parents during the Multi-Cultural event at the Child Development Center held recently.

"I think it was very successful," said Theresa Hopkins, CDC coordinator. "There was a good turnout. We counted 22 parents at one time.

"Everyone enjoyed it, even the small children who didn't actually participate in the event," she continued. "We heard a lot of good comments about the event and are still getting comments."

During the event, even infants danced to the songs and tried to participate by crawling to Theresa Winterhalter's music stand as she played the flute.

Toddlers danced and stomped to one of their favorite songs. They laughed while enjoying the crowd's attention.

Young children donned paper hats and sang and danced with some direction of their care providers.

A Puerto Rican song and dance was performed and even their fashion was represented by one of the center's little girls.

Room 12's children participated in songs and movements to jazz and Central African music. A center volunteer, affectionately called Grandma by the children, led the dance and music. She wore an African suit, sporting the bright colors of orange and green.

A multi-cultural fashion show was put on by the school-aged children.

Wearing a blue jean jacket and skirt, the mistress of ceremonies represented the southern states.

After their performances, young children stayed in the center of the room, knowing that it was also the center of attention.

Many children clapped after their own dances and jumped with excitement. And joined in on other performances.

"Can we do it again?" one child asked his care provider. The crowd members were so pleased with the faces of the children, they also hoped for an encore.

After all the dances were danced, the songs sung, and instruments played, there was still multicultural food to enjoy. The food was prepared by the school-aged children.

As the children and their families enjoyed the food, the spirits smiled once again, knowing they had not been forgotten and heritage was still important to their children's children's children.

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Ed Center News

The Army Education Center plans to offer the following free computer workshops during the April-June quarter. *This will be the last opportunity for Presidians to take computer classes through the Presidio Education Center.*

Advanced WordPerfect 5.1 -- Monday & Wednesday, 10a.m. to 12:30p.m., April 4 to 27.

Beginning WordPerfect 5.1 -- Tuesday & Thursday, 10a.m. to 12:30p.m., April 5 to 28.

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Beginning WordPerfect 5.1 -- Monday & Wednesday, 10a.m. to 12:30p.m., June 6 to 26.

Beginning WordPerfect 5.1 -- Tuesday & Thursday, 10a.m to 12:30p.m., June 7 to 30.

Active duty soldiers have first priority for enrollment, and DA civilians who work on the Presidio have second priority. Adult family members and reservists are accepted on a space-available basis. Enrollment forms and further information on all classes are available at the Presidio Education Center, Bldg. 1216, **561-2974/4445**.

Yacht Club Membership

The Presidio Yacht Club at East Fort Baker has announced its spring membership drive soliciting members from the Presidio and other nearby military installations.

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Saturday - Blink (R)
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March 18 - Car 54 Where Are You (PG-13)
March 19 - I'll Do Anything (PG-13)
March 20 - Death Wish 5: Face of Death (R)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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As a special promotion, the club is offering a one-year associate membership without the usual fees and dues for active duty service members. The associate membership offers most of the privileges of a regular membership, including reciprocal privileges at most yacht clubs worldwide. To rent a berth or use the railway for haulouts requires a regular membership.

Club membership is open to all soldiers and family members and federal civilian employees. Club membership provides a wide range of benefits for those who enjoy sailing or power boating. Club berths accommodate boats up to 40 feet long at very low rates. Indoor berths are also available. For membership information, call **332-2319**.

Red Cross Swimming

The American Red Cross would like to inform the public that five different swimming classes will be offered every Saturday, starting March 26, through May 7.

***Infant/Pre-School Aquatic Program**, 9-9:30a.m.
Level I, Water Orientation, 9:35-10:05a.m.
Level II, Primary Skills, 10:10-10:40a.m.
Level III, Stroke Readiness, 10:45-11:15a.m.
Level IV, Stroke Development, 11:20-11:50a.m.
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For registration and payment information, call or stop by the American Red Cross office, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, Room 357, **561-2187**.

Lifeguard training

The American Red Cross is offering Lifeguard training from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Presidio Pool on Saturdays and Sundays as follows: March 26 and 27, April 2 and 3, and 9 and 10. Call **561-2187** or visit the Red Cross, Room 357, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, to register.

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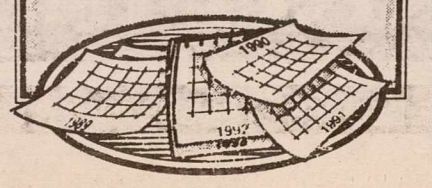

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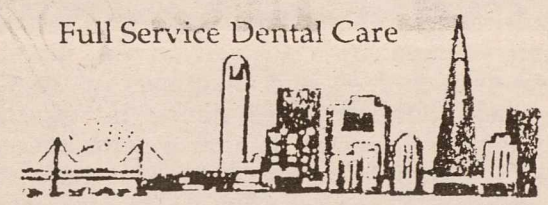

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Supplies needed before "the big one"

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Before the "big one" hits is the time to organize your family's emergency supplies. Individual action is a major ingredient in being prepared for a natural disaster such as an earthquake. The only resources immediately available to you and your family will be those you have had the foresight to collect.

Many of the suggested items can be found throughout your home. It is organization in one spot that is the key to success. Supplies should be stored in a container, such as a large, clean trash can, in a relatively safe place. This space should be cool and dark to prolong stability of the stored items.

The lists following are suggestions only. You will need to adapt to your family's needs.

Food. Keep food that stores easily, is simple to prepare, has a long shelf life, and tastes good. Canned or dehydrated fruits, soups, meats; peanut butter and jelly; powdered milk; juices or ready-to-drink beverages; sealed bags of crackers, granola bars; hard candy; baby food and formula; pet food; vitamins.

Have a non-electric can opener on hand. Consider alternate cooking sources to be used outdoors: barbecue grills, camp stoves.

Water. Allow at least one gallon per person per day. Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers.

Non-food items. Battery operated radio; flashlights; extra batteries; crescent wrench; emergency candles; matches; car and house keys; coins and cash; paper plates, paper towels/napkins, cups and plastic utensils; pre-moistened towels; large, heavy trash bags; rope/twine; clothes pins; dish soap; sewing kit; bleach; basic cooking pans.

First aid kit. First aid manual; bandages (bandaids, elastic bandage, gauze pads, triangular bandages, roll of gauze); adhesive tape; scissors; thermometer; tweezers, vaseline; antiseptic; aspirin/tylenol, children's and adult; water purification tablets; pocket knife; q-tips, cotton balls; medicated soap; safety pins; table salt, baking soda; sanitary pads/tampons.

Personal. Per individual as required: personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, deodorant, comb/brush, kleenex, toilet paper, razor, sanitary supplies, diapers); complete change of clothes; rain gear/jacket; sturdy shoes; extra prescription glasses; special medication; medical information/history; personal information (name, age, address, phone number); paper, pencils, game books; toys/crayons for children.

Shelter. Tent; waterproof tarp; sleeping bags; blankets.

Important papers. List of credit cards, checking and savings account numbers; insurance policies/numbers/phone; numbers/address for health, auto, life, home; copy of birth certificates; copy of wills; household inventory with pictures of every room and of valuables; stocks, bonds, certificates; passports; immunization records/pertinent health records.

Bay Pacific Pipeline is continuing their work in the 600 and 900 area west of the Crissy Field helipad and north of Highway 101. Local water outages in that area should end by March 18.

Beginning March 21, and continuing until April 1, the contractor will be in the 200, 600, and 1100 areas east of the Crissy Field helipad and north of Highway 101. Occupants of the buildings affected should have already received their first notice. Water outages will occur only between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Thank you for your patience as this work is being performed to improve the Presidio water system.

Finally, there will be an organizational meeting for the post-wide Spring Clean-up at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the Bldg. 220 conference room. All mayors, area and unit coordinators are encouraged to attend. For information, please contact Sgt. 1st Class Belcher, DPW NCOIC at **561-4860**, or DPW Customer Relations at **561-3711.**

72-hour emergency food kit for one:

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Hopefully, these lists have given you a perspective on your survival needs. Next week: what to do during an earthquake.

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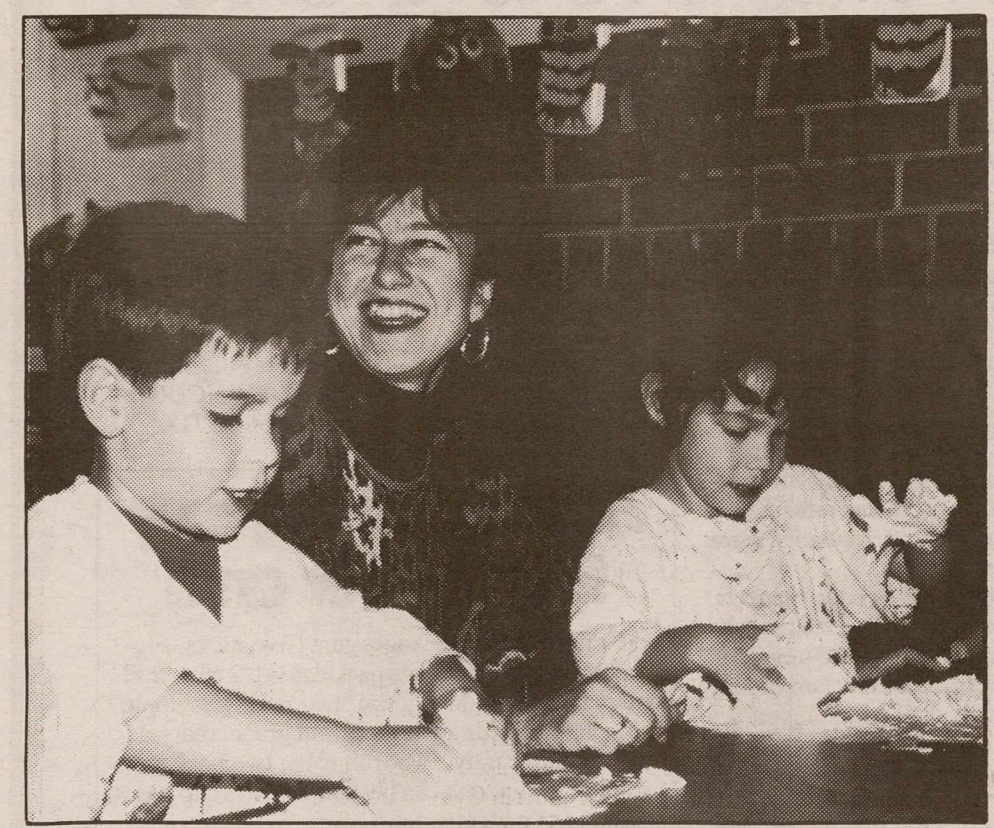

Felicity Gorden smiles as Alex and Tiffany have fun making designs on their table with shaving cream.

Max shows that he likes to color with a green marker.

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Several birds hung from the ceiling, orange octopi and paper owls decorated the fireplace. A bird named Muffin sat in her cage, frogs leaped in an aquarium, tropical fish swam in their waters, even bugs added character to the tropical setting, and the children loved every minute of it.

This wasn't the zoo or the Exploratorium. It's their family child care provider's home. The theme for the month is "creatures that fly, the world of birds and insects." Which is obvious from the number of birds, handmade butterflies and other paper projects which fill the room.

"My favorite is to play stamps and color," said Alex, 4, whose dark, big eyes lit up. "I like coming here. It's fun."

Felicity Gorden, the provider for nine children, two full-time, pumps shaving cream on the children's table for them to make designs.

"I'm playing with shaving cream," Max, 3, said gleaming with joy. "I have lots of shaving cream. I want more shaving cream. I'm playing with shaving cream."

It took a lot of training for Gorden to know what excites children, and what projects will help them develop mentally at each age.

Before entry into the Family Child Care training at the Presidio, providers have to complete five modules, which are about an inch thick. Read them, answer the questions, correct the wrong answer then pass a test. They receive very intensive background checks. They go through a seven-day training which consists of caring for children, safety, food preparations, bookkeeping, Army Regulation courses, administration of medicine, contracting, emergency procedures, chrildren's curriculum, and more.

This is only to be accepted into the training program. Then they receive more specific training to earn a certificate.

"The home care providers are hand picked and the best qualified people," said Family Child Care program director Mary Anne Gianquento. "They are professionally trained, conscientious and hard working.

"They have to pass a fire safety and health inspection to get their initial certificate. Then their homes are inspected quarterly," she continued. "They are not sitting on the couch watching television while the kids play quietly on the floor. They must have mental development programs, and submit their schedules weekly. The T.V. can only be on for one hour a day, and that must be an educational program.

"There is not someone who comes in and fixes the meals or cleans the house. They also do their own bookkeeping. They are putting in a lot of hours on the weekends preparing their menu, which has to be approved, and their weekly schedule," Gianquento continued. "They are not totally reimbursed for the meals. They must feed the children every three hours, but they are only reimbursed for three meals. And they only get 78 cents for breakfast. A lot of times the children eat four meals at the family care providers' home."

With the closure of the Presidio Child Development Center, parents are concerned about finding a family care provider. At this time there are nine providers on post. One training session has just been completed. Gianquento is hoping to have 40 certified providers by the time the center closes. With forty providers, supervising three children each, they can care for 120 children. Family care providers are authorized to take care of six children at one time, with only two children being under two years old. They must also consider their own children in that ratio.

Parents are also concerned about the price of home providers. The average cost for in-home care for one child is between $80 and $100 a week.

"When you consider these providers are working 10 hours per day, they are only getting paid $2 an hour. Even teenagers charge $3 an hour," Gianquento said. "People say 'Well, if they are taking care of three children, they're making more money.' That's still only $6 an hour. Surely these children are worth $2 an hour."

The care providers put in many hours outside, being with the children. They have to write their menus, prepare their books, make up the activities for each day. Gorden has at least two scheduled projects a day. They are visited by a family care official at least once a week, which is always an unexpected visit. They must pass quarterly inspections. They hold a monthly meeting, and they have to clean up after each day.

"It's very demanding. You're not working just the hours the day care is open," Gorden admits. "You have to do a lot of work in the evenings and weekends, writing out your plans and preparing for the next morning."

With all the work, and not quite all the money, you may wonder why these people do it.

""I love being with the children and seeing them learn and grow," Gorden said. "It's so wonderful to see them get excited about their environment. It's very rewarding."

The slender redhead then pulled out some cotton animals which she made for the children.

"Remember playing the three little pigs?" she asked.

"Yeaa!!!," Max shouted as his baby blue eyes grew even wider.

"What was your house made of, Tiffany?"

"My house was made of sticks," the three-year-old heart-breaker cheered.

"Do your remember what the wolf said, Alex?"

"Little pigs open your door," the four-year-old laughed.

"I feel this is a wonderful alternative for parents," Gianquento said. "It's regulated by the Army. It provides a home-like setting for the children. There are children of all ages, which is more like a real home environment than a setting with children all one age. With a smaller group, the children get more individual attention."

Gorden's children receive a lot of attention. She knows their likes, dislikes and even knows that Tiffany likes to be called Princess Jasmine.

"I'm Princess Jasmine," she proudly said.

"I'm the super blue hero," Alex exclaimed.

"I'm the green hero, and I'm playing with shaving cream," Max smiled showing the small gap between his two front teeth.

With each cute comment from the children, Gorden smiled with pride.

Max's older brother, Brendan, who's 8, came in from school. He also played with the shaving cream, but he had other projects which he enjoyed.

"I have a good time when I come here," the sandy blond said. "I like painting or playing with the computer or going outside."

"When it's nap time for the other kids, Brendan works on the computer or plays pool," Gorden said.

"No. He takes naps," Tiffany said.

"No, Brendan's too big for naps."

The princess accepted the explanation and went on playing with the shaving cream.

It was a country setting, pink and green plaid couches, country crafts. Looking through the glass doors paned in white wood, a young boy slept resting from his busy day.

It was nap time at Tami Peck's home. Through the doors you could see the toys and projects which brought 3-year-old Evan to this rest stage. A children's picnic table was set up. Boxes were full with toys, a plastic easel with colorful scribbles called art was set up. There was plenty to keep the kids busy when they weren't going to the zoo or on other field trips.

The dog barked, and Zacky, 17 months, woke up. Peck picked him up lovingly and held him next to her. The tall blond sat down on the coach petting her cat as she held Zacky tightly.

"Are you O.K., honey?"

He laughed.

"Say Abbey Cat."

"Abb cat," the dark haired toddler said quickly and playfully.

Peck also is a home care provider because she loves children, although she doesn't have any of her own. The military spouse, does however, have a motherly touch and qualities shown in her affection directed to the children she calls her kids during the day.

"Originally I just fell into it," Peck said about being a family care provider. "Someone asked me to watch their kids for them for the summer. I realized I loved it, and it was something I was very good at. So I have taken more classes. I really enjoy being with the kids I feel they get quality care here.

"While it's really rewarding to see the kids reactions, it's also demanding," she added. "People don't realize all that we do. My parents appreciate me and tell me how they feel. We have very good relationships.

"I think it's good for the kids because it's a smaller group and a home setting," she added. "It's like their home away from home."

"We're very pleased with the development and the things Evan has learned," said Maj. John Fowler, Provost Marshal. "He's been going to his home care provider for 14 months and it's wonderful to watch him learn and grow. We feel we're very lucky.

"We have a great care provider," he said about Peck. "Evan actually looks forward to going there. Tami takes them out on field trips such as the Discovery Museum and the zoo. She really does a lot with the kids.

"A lot of parents are concerned as the center closes. I feel it's a viable alternative to the mass care," Fowler added. "The kids get a lot of one-on-one attention."

"I think it is a really good program with a lot of support," Peck said. "The other providers are really good. I would leave my own kids with them, and I wouldn't say that about just anyone. We receive a lot of good training. Not just anyone can go through the training and become a care provider. It's tough, and your really have to care about the kids to become certified."

"The home care providers are a lot more than just baby sitters. They're janitors, book keepers, nutritionist, cooks, teachers, time managers and program specialists," Gianquento concluded. "They put a lot back into the program and are dedicated to the children's growth and development and give them all the attention they need."

Basketball highlights

March 8

USAG #II 65
6TH Rctg. Bde. 52

USAG #II extended its domination in the league by trouncing 6th Recruiting Bde. Tuesday night in Gym No. 1, Building 63.

USAG's Andre Clark led all scorers with 21 points in the first half. He hit seven of nine free throws in the half and two more shots in the second half.

USAG #I 62
LEC 60

Down by four points at the end of the first half, USAG #I turned a 24-20 deficit into a two-point victory. Dale Kennedy shelled LEC with 17 points in the second half, sank a trio of three-point shots and led all scorers with 19 points for the night. Teammate Jason Thomas had a couple of three-pointers to add to his 13 point total, and VernonFowler scored 11 points. LEC was led by Moses Logan's 15 points and John Evans' 12 points.

March3

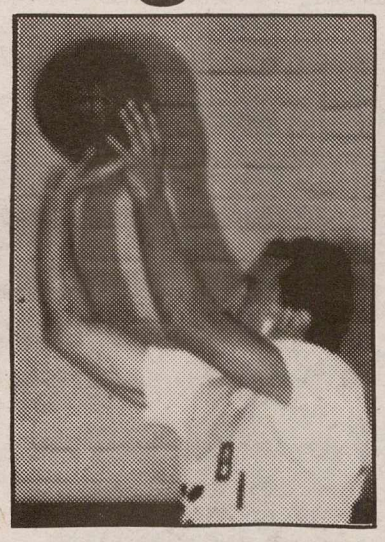
LUSAHC 77
LEC 58

LUSAHC stretched its 35-32 halftime lead into a 19 point blowout. LUSAHC's David White fired off 15 points in the half and Wayne Rogers added 13. Meanwhile, LEC's shooters turned cold.

FBI 69
USAG #II 68

Can you say heartbreak? Down by nine points with 3:39 remaining, USAG mounted a comeback and took a one-point lead with less than 20 seconds left only to be thwarted by FBI's Andy Black. USAG was down 32-31 at the end of the second half. Ron Simmons had scored 15 of the team's points.

But things changed in the second half. USAG was repeatedly called for fouling Black, who's 13 second-half points were all scored from the free throw line. USAG gained the lead, 68-67, with 18 seconds left, but Simmons was called for fouling Black. Black hit the tying and winning shots from the free throw line, giving him 18 points for the night. Teammates John Broderick scored 21 and Brian Guy hit 14. USAG's Simmons scored 19, Charles Rogan aded 16 and Donnell Warren scored 14.



FBI's Andy Black tosses in the winning free throw.

Sports Notes

All-Army Team

The All-Army Basketball Team will play two games this weekend in Gym No. 1, Building 63. The first game will be against Blue & Gold Fleet at 2 p.m. Saturday, and the second game will feature Shell & Campbell at 2 p.m. Sunday. The All-Army Team will then move on to Alameda Naval Air Station for the Armed Forces Basketball Championship, Wednesday through March 21.

Martial arts

Tang Soo Do, a Korean style of martial art, will be taught from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and continue every other Tuesday on the basketball court in Gym No. 2, Building 1151 for active duty soldiers ages 19 and older. The instructor is Sa Ba Nim (master instructor) John Bosley. For more information or to register for the class, call Bosley at 928-0851.

Military Team coach chosen

Bob Darling, Sports Branch fitness instructor, will be coaching the U.S. Military Cross Country Team March 13 through 18 in the Council Internationale Sports Militaire in Curragh, Ireland, 30 miles from Dublin. he will be head coach of the mens and womens teams.

There will be active duty athletes from about 25 countries competing for medals.

"I've seen most of [the U.S. athletes] run. The Armed Forces Sports Council has selected five men and five women, based on experience, availability and fastest times," Darling said.

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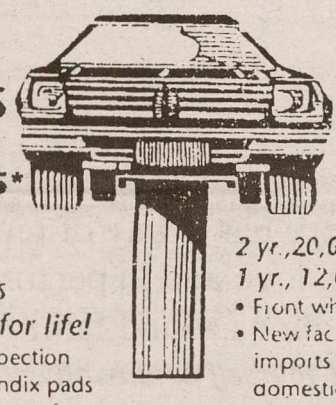

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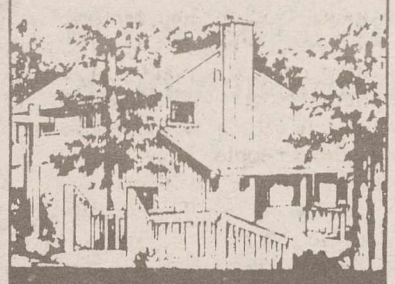

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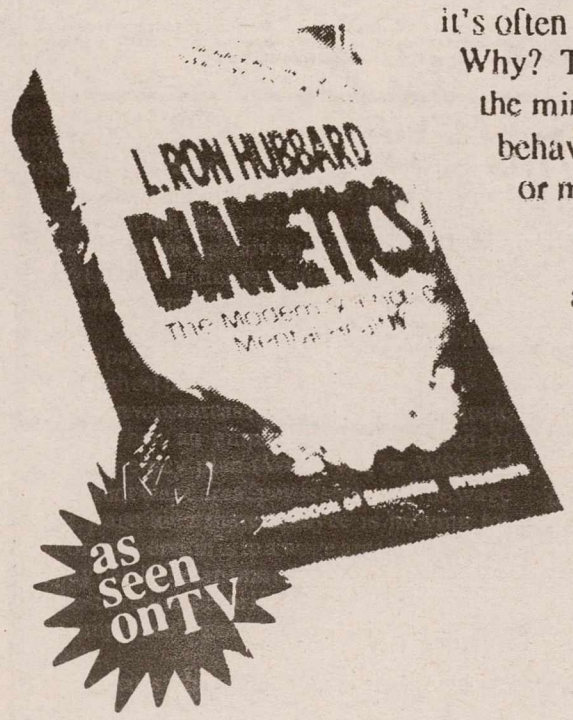

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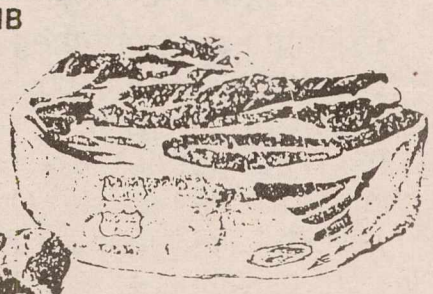

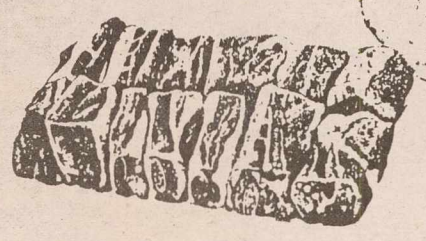

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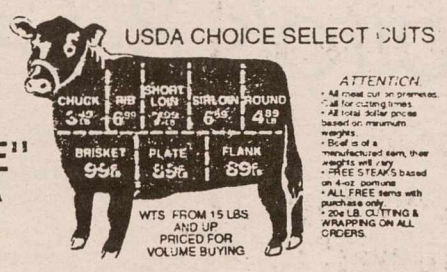

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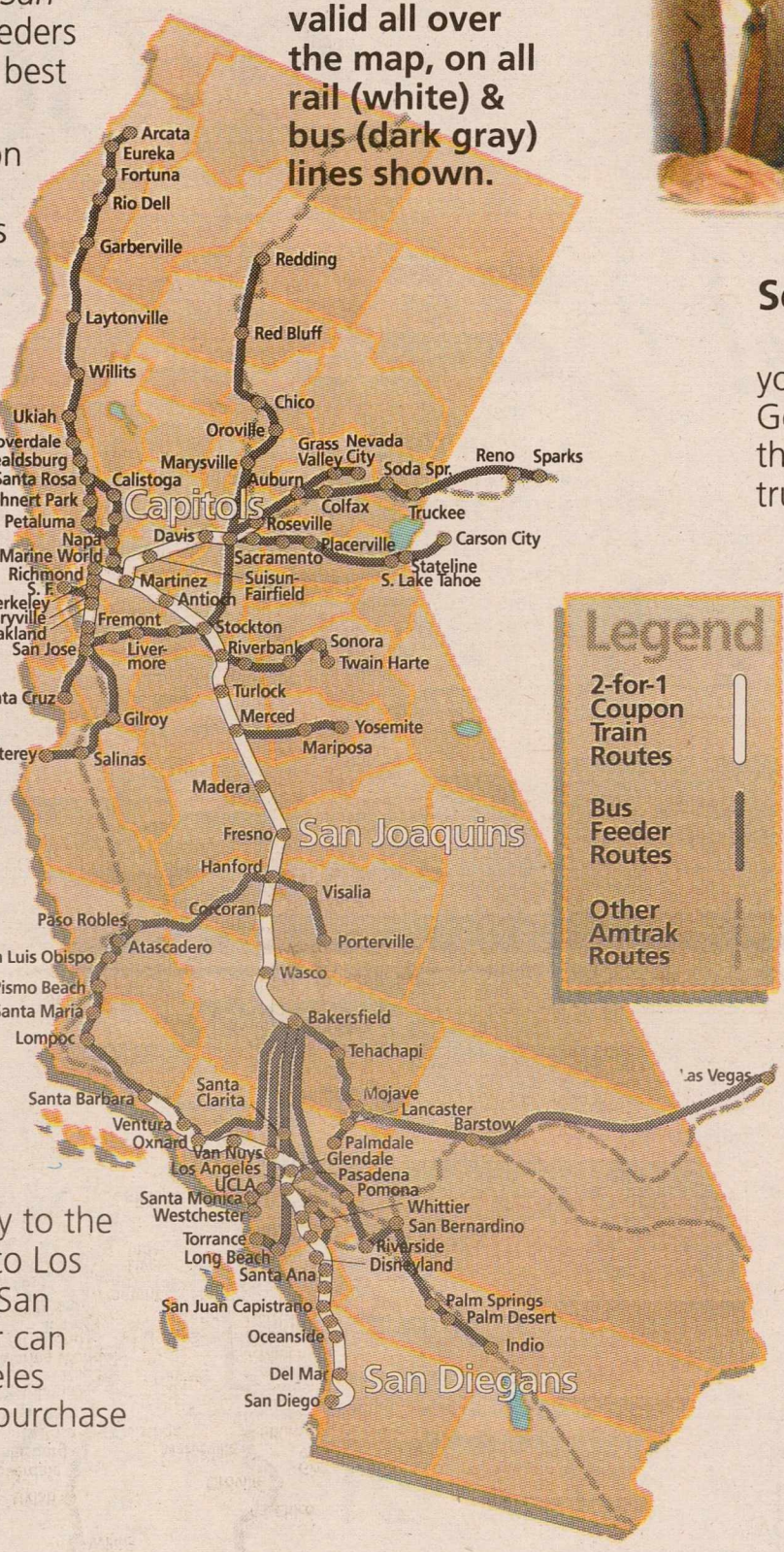

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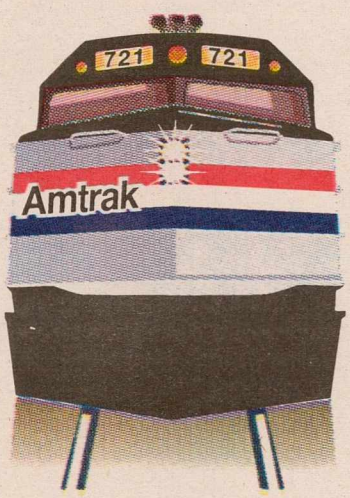

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Slam!

All-Army's Carl O. Curry rams home two points in a tune-up game here in gym No.1, Building 63 in preparation for the 1994 U.S. Armed Forces Basketball Tournament this weekend at Alameda naval Air Station, Calif. See Page 13 for full story.

Transition information

Editor's Note: This information was provided by the Civilian Personnel Directorate in response to a Town Hall issue.

A question was asked about the difference in value to an individual if he/she accepted Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP), retirement or resignation. In May 1993, the Civilian Personnel Office published a series of commonly asked questions that employees had on this subject. We are repeating those questions and answers as the means for addressing this issue.

Q. May employees who elect to retire under Discontinued Service Retirement (DSR) provisions receive both the alternate form of annuity (lump sum annuity) and VSIP?

A. No. DSRs are essentially involuntary separations in lieu of Reduction In Force (RIF). VSIP applies only to voluntary separations (early retirement, optional retirement or resignation).

Q. May an employee who is eligible for voluntary early retirement or discontinued service retirement, and is also subject to position abolishment or RIF, resign in lieu of retiring and receive VSIP?

A. Yes. However, they will be relinquishing the rights and benefits that ordinarily would apply if their separation were to remain "involuntary" (i.e., lump-sum retirement payment).

Q. May employees identified for involuntary separation (not in receipt of a specific notice of proposed involuntary separation) who are eligible for discontinued service retirement elect to retire under the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA), with eligibility for VSIP?

A. Yes. However, they will be relinquishing the rights and benefits that ordinarily would apply should the separation remain involuntary.

Q. I am disabled and have applied for disability retirement. Am I eligible for VSIP?

A. No. Employees who are disabled so that they would be eligible for disability retirement are not eligible for VSIP.

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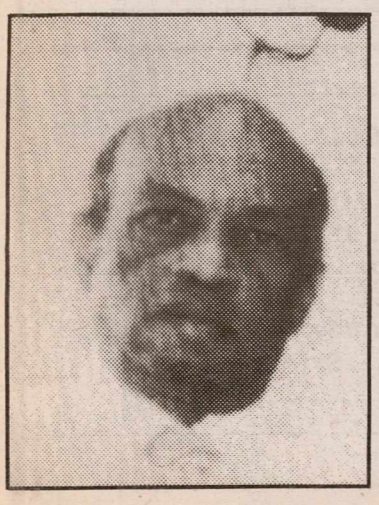

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Star Presidian staff

A heart attack recently claimed the life of a Presidio civilian employee.

Richard Clark, Sixth U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Officer, died March 6. Lt. Col. Simms Anderson delivered the eulogy at Clark's memorial service Tuesday in the Post Main Chapel.

"He was always very professional in his work," said Maj. Brian O'Leary, Intelligence Staff Officer. "However, the thing I'll remember fondly was a side of him that most people didn't see: his artistic side. The painting of the 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers that hung in his office was one that he did. He did woodwork, modeling, drawing, you name it. And he loved kids. Any time there was a project that benefitted kids, he'd donate."

Clark entered the Army on active duty in 1950 when he was 17 years old. He began as a demolition specialist, but became a drill instructor at the age of 19.

Clark served with the 12th Infantry Brigade, with Brig. Gen. Joe Stilwell, Jr., and Lt. Colin Powell. Clark had numerous other assignments, including Compound Coordinator for five military intelligence compounds in the Saigon area. Clark retired from the Army after his tour in Vietnam.

Clark entered Federal service as an Illustrator at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., in 1971.

He moved through the civilian ranks in various security and intelligence positions. Clark came to Sixth U.S. Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in 1987 and was preparing to retire this year.

Clark received many awards and honors during his military and civilian career, including two Bronze Stars with V, two Purple Hearts, an Air Medal, and the Department of the Army Superior Service Medal. He was also nominated for President Bush's Points of Light Program.

At the time of his death, Clark was working on a re-creation of the Buffalo Soldier statue which stands at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Sexual harassment and discrimination can be costly in more ways than one

By Dixie L. Porter
Special to the Star Presidian

When will we ever learn? Why do we have to degrade people and show our power over them by harassing them and making them work in conditions less than comfortable? Why do we have to show our power by belittling or mistreating people? What happened to common sense, courtesy, or decency? Why don't we treat people as we ourselves would want to be treated? The old "Golden Rule" philosophy. Maybe that's not PC these days; politically correct is the in thing.

Headlines in the paper last week told of people testifying before Congress on being sexually harassed at their jobs until they were forced to quit or were made sick by the intolerable situation. You can pick up the paper almost any day of the week and find articles where someone has filed a sexual harassment suit against their boss or a co-worker. An East Bay company recently had a suit filed by several of its workers for using an inflatable penis as a barometer to show rising or falling sales. Come on, people, wake up and smell the roses. This is 1994, not the middle ages or even the '40's or '50's.

The definition of sexual harassment is "unwelcomed behavior, sexual in nature. It is also unwelcomed sexual conduct resulting in: a term or condition of employment, an employment decision, an offensive work environment."

It cost the California taxpayer approximately $18 million in the last fiscal year for sexual harassment. That comes out of our pockets, out of our paychecks. That's just the State of California, not the private companies, the military, or the federal government. In 1988, the Merit Services Protection Board did a cost study and determined the costs of sexual harassment to be $267 million a year. This was broken down into several categories: sick leave, replacement costs, litigation and judgments, etc. That was six years ago. By now it probably costs close to $320 million or more. In this day of cutting back on personnel, resource restraints and doing without because there are no resources, that money could be used more productively in many other areas. An individual can sue in the civil courts and get a judgment for several thousand dollars if they prove their case. In addition to costing money, a sexual harassment charge can cost a person his/her career, or a grade or two, an Article 15, or even a court-martial.

It's not like it's a big secret or something new. Everyone knows that sexual harassment is against the law. Almost 20 years ago, in 1975, it became against the law. Sexual harassment prevention training has been going on for a number of years now. The military does quite a good job of training all personnel, including supervisors and managers, on the hazards of allowing sexual harassment to go on in their work areas. Yet, people still persist in sexually harassing others. Is this from a power thing? "I'm the boss, therefore I expect you to do everything I tell you." Is this done from a position of inferiority? "I don't think I could get someone to be nice to me or go out with me if I didn't threaten their livelihood." Is it from a lack of sensitivity, just not realizing how it feels to have someone trying to control your every action or reaction?

Whether it's done in a kidding manner or in a blatant, outright "no hug, no kiss, no job" manner, it's degrading, dehumanizing and has no place in the work environment.

It also does not belong in a social environment, i.e., the "Tailhook" incidents. There are a lot of people who say **those people** deserve what they got, meaning the women who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. The male "macho" mindset insists that boys will be boys, and they were just having a little innocent fun. Everyone knows that aviators are big jocks and party animals and that makes it all right.

Regardless of who is doing it, unwelcome advances of any kind are harassment. It has been shown that approximately 98 percent of those doing the harassing are males. Women can also harass, and there are now cases being filed against female managers. Does this indicate that sexual harassment is inherent in being a manager? That the minute you become a supervisor, whether male or female, something in you automatically makes you want to take advantage of people who work for you? I guess not, or there wouldn't be suits filed against co-workers. Besides there are a lot of co-workers, first line supervisors, managers, and section chiefs who are thoughtful, considerate, professional people.

According to Barnard Nussbaum, former White House counsel, "The president is committed to ensuring a federal work environment free from discrimination and sexual harassment and in which employees are able, without fear of reprisal, to raise concerns relating to employment practices." The Commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco is also committed to ensuring the workplace is free from sexual harassment and discrimination. Optimum productivity does not come from an environment that is disruptive, threatening, or offensive.

The effect of an action is more important than the intent. In the previously mentioned example of using an inappropriate method of demonstrating sales increases or decreases, maybe the intent was to be funny or clever. The effect was to cause several employees to be embarrassed, feel resentful, and file a complaint against the company. Even if you are just trying to be funny, be careful how you do it.

Before you say something you think is cute or clever or do something funny, stop and think: would I want someone to say or do this to my wife, daughter or mother? Would I want this done in front of or to my son, husband or father? Would you want your conversation printed verbatim in the local newspaper? How about if Allan Funt had his candid camera at work. Would you want your actions to be telecast on the nightly news? If not, maybe you should stop and reconsider whatever you were going to say or do. It's worth taking a second thought.

Editor's Note: Porter is the Community Relations Officer for the Presidio of San Francisco, and the NCOIC of the Human Awareness and Equal Opportunity Office at State Headquarters, California Army National Guard.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

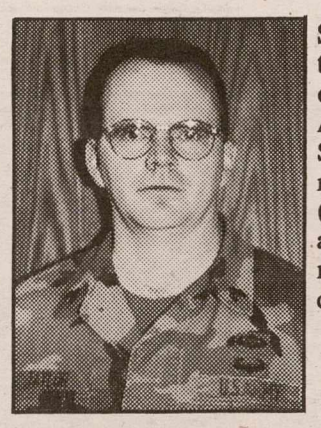
I'd like to thank the military and civilian employees at the Presidio of San Francisco for their generous support to the Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation during the 1993 Combined Federal Campaign. Their contributions will be used to build the national memorial at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery honoring all military women.

Those individuals at the Presidio who contributed to our Foundation and agreed to release their names and addresses to the CFC will receive individual thank you letters. However, we realize that many anonymous donors designated the Women's Memorial, and we have no way of knowing who they are. Through this letter, we say "thank you." Your generosity means that we will break ground this fall.

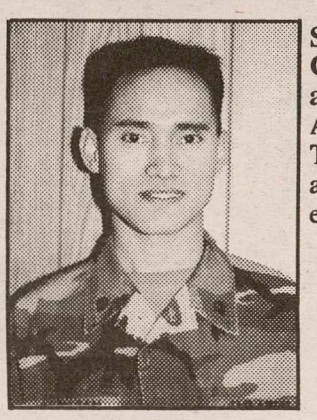
Sincerely,
Wilma L. Vaught
Brig. Gen., U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
President, Women in Military Service

Ask Presidians

"Which female historical figure has had the greatest influence on your life?"

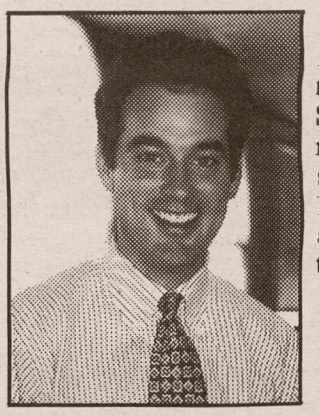


Sgt. Hal Taylor, protocol NCO, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army: "Golda Meir. She was the leader of a relatively new country (Israel) and she wasn't afraid to use force if necessary to protect her country."



Spc. Alexander Calinagan, protocol assistant, Sixth Army: "Mother Theresa. She sets an example for helping others."

Spc. Monique Barnes, protocol assistant, Sixth Army: "Shirley Chisolm. She had the courage to run for the office of president, even though she was an African American female."



Kenneth J. Brissette, Marketing Coordinator, Leisure, SatoTravel: "My mother. She's special, she's kind, and I love her very much. She did a great job rearing her three children."

Joy Meserve, entrepreneur and owner, Expresso and Juice Bar, PX Mall: "My grandmother. She had such strength, was a real diehard and was always doing something constructive, and always had an uplifting spirit. At 93 she was actively involved in senior citizens' college."

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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Tax Corner

Credit for child care expenses

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One of the most frequently claimed credits is the credit for child and dependent care expenses. A credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of the tax owed. The credit for child and dependent care expenses is a nonrefundable credit that can reduce the tax to zero. A refundable credit, such as the earned income credit, allows the tax payer to receive a refund even if he did not owe tax and had no income tax withheld from his paycheck.

The credit for child and dependent care expenses allows the taxpayer to claim a credit for the care of children under age 13 or for the care of a disabled spouse or dependent. The credit can only be taken if the purpose of the care is to allow the taxpayer to work or look for work. Eligible taxpayers will be able to receive a credit between 20 and 30 percent of the care expenses, depending on his gross adjusted income.

The taxpayer must meet all five of the following qualifications in order to qualify for the credit. First, the taxpayer must provide more than half the cost of maintaining a home for himself and the qualifying person. A qualifying person is:

-- A dependent under the age of 13 and for whom an exemption was claimed (special rules apply for separated and divorced parents),

-- A dependent (or person who could be claimed as a dependent had he earned less than $2,350 of gross income) who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for herself, or

-- A spouse who is physically or mentally incapable of taking care of him/herself.

Second, the taxpayer and spouse must have earned income during the year. Earned income includes wages, salaries, tips, other employment compensation and net earnings from self-employment. In addition, earned income includes strike benefits and any disability pay reported as wages. Generally, both spouses of a married couple must work unless one of the spouses is incapable of self care or is a full-time student for five months of the year.

Third, the taxpayer must have incurred child or dependent care expenses in order to work or look for work. Expenses for the care must be made to someone that cannot be claimed as a dependent. If payments are made to a taxpayer's child, the child must be over 19 years of age at the end of the year and cannot be the taxpayer's dependent. The expenses for child care can be for services performed in the taxpayer's home, a day care center or nursery school, or in a babysitter's home.

Finally, the taxpayer must file a joint return if married. An exception exists when the married taxpayer paid for more than half the cost of maintaining a home for himself and the qualifying person, the qualifying person lived in the home for more than half the year and the taxpayer's spouse did not live in the home for the last six months of the year.

The amount of child or dependent care expenses is limited to the lower paid spouse's earnings for married couples and to the single taxpayer's earnings. The eligible amount also cannot exceed the actual amount of care expenses. Finally, the maximum amount of child or dependent care expenses eligible for the credit is $2,400 per year for one qualifying person and $4,800 for two or more qualifying persons.

If the taxpayer received dependent care benefits from his employer and did not include this amount as income, the amount of the benefits will be deducted from the amount eligible for the credit.

Taxpayers cannot claim both the extra credit for a child born in 1993 and the credit for child and dependent care expenses. For this reason, the taxpayer should calculate both credits and take the most advantageous credit.

Individuals who qualify for the credit for child and dependent care expenses should refer to Internal Revenue Service Publication 503 or contact the Presidio Tax Center an individual will calculate the credit for you.

The Presidio Tax Center offers state and federal preparation and federal electronic tax filing to active duty service members, family members and retirees. All of the services are provided free of charge. The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 223 and is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call the Tax Center at **561-2829** to make an appointment.

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Q. Are employees who apply for these immediate annuities after separation eligible to continue their Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) and Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) if they meet the five-year requirement?

A. Yes.

Q. Is previously paid severance pay deducted from the VSIP?

A. Yes. Although VSIP may not be used in calculating any future entitlement to severance pay, all past payments must be deducted from the entitlement.

Q. Will receipt of VSIP prevent receipt of compensation for disability under Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA)?

A. Yes. Section 5, USC 8116, states that "while an employee is receiving compensation . . . he may not receive salary, pay, or remuneration of any type from the United States, except:

(1) In return for service actually performed;

(2) Pension for service in the Armed Forces;

(3) Other benefits administered by the Veterans Administration; and

(4) Retired pay, retirement pay, retainer pay or equivalent pay . . ."

Q. Can an employee retire under Discontinued Service Retirement (DSR) and get VSIP?

A. No. DSR is an involuntary action. However, an employee eligible for DSR may elect to take a regular voluntary retirement (if eligible). If ineligible, the separation can be processed as a voluntary early retirement (if authorized) or a resignation. These voluntary actions would entitle the employee to VSIP but not to an alternate form of annuity.

Q. Can an employee who has filed for disability retirement withdraw the request and get VSIP?

A. Yes. FPM Supplement 830-1, Chapter 60, permits withdrawal of disability retirement prior to the date of separation with OPM's approval.

Q. May employees identified for involuntary separation (not in receipt of a specific notice of proposed involuntary separation) who are eligible for DSR elect to retire under VERA with eligibility for VSIP?

A. Yes. However, they will be relinquishing the rights and benefits that would ordinarily apply should the separation remain involuntary.

Q. May an employee roll VSIP over into an individual retirement account (IRA)?

A. No. Tax laws specify that roll-overs to an IRA must come from a qualified retirement plan. Because VSIP is paid from salary and expenses, it does not qualify as such.

RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Benefits of Employees Who Are Separated. A career employee who is separated by RIF in most circumstances is entitled by law to either an immediate retirement annuity or severance pay (but not both). The amount of his/her annuity or severance pay is determined by his/her age and length of service.

Retirement: Optional Retirement Annuities - Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Employees meeting any of the following combinations of age and length of service can retire on immediate annuities without any reduction due to age.

YEARS OF SERVICE	AGE
5	62
20	60
30	55
5	* Any

* If totally disabled for service in the position occupied.

Retirement: Intermediate Retirement Annuities - Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). Employees who are covered under FERS are eligible to retire at any time if the following conditions are met.

YEARS OF SERVICE	AGE
30	* Any
20	60
10+	*

* *Minimum Retirement Age (MRA):* Unlike the CSRS, which has fixed retirement ages, the FERS requires that the employee reach a certain age before receiving unreduced voluntary retirement benefits with 30 years of service. The MRA varies from age 55 to age 59 and is determined based on the year of birth. Under FERS an employee can elect voluntary retirement with reduced annuity which is available at the MRA with at least 10 years of service. The benefits are reduced five percent per year for each year payment begins before age 62. This reduction continues throughout the annuitant's life.

Discontinued Service Retirement Annuities. Employees separated involuntarily are entitled to an immediate discontinued service annuity if they have 25 years of service (at any age) or if they have 20 years of service and are 50 years of age. The annuity of a CSRS employee who retires under age 55 is permanently reduced two percent for each year they are under age 55. The annuity of FERS employees who retire under age 55 is not reduced; however, they are ineligible to receive the Special Retirement Supplement until they reach the MRA. This benefit approximates the proportion of a full career social security benefit earned while employed under FERS and it continues until age 62.

Severance Pay. A career employee who is not eligible for an immediate annuity and is separated by RIF is generally entitled to severance pay, unless he/she is already drawing a Government annuity from some other service, such as military service. The maximum severance pay allowance is one year's pay. Severance payments cease when you are reemployed by the federal government.

Severance pay is based upon age and length of service. An employee receives a week's salary for each year of the first 10 years of service; two weeks' salary for each year of service after 10 years; and age adjustment allowance of 10 percent of the total basic severance allowance for each year by which the employee's age exceeds age 40.

OTHER BENEFITS

Life Insurance. Employees under 65 years of age who separate on an immediate annuity may elect to retain their basic life insurance coverage (which equals their current salary plus $2,000). This insurance is free of charge to employees and retirees over age 65. The basic life insurance coverage continues at its present level until age 65, when it starts reducing at the rate of two percent a month until it reaches 25 percent of the original value. Employees may elect to have coverage of 50 percent or 100 percent of the basic insurance amount; in such cases, the full cost of the additional protection is deducted from the employee's annuity, beginning at retirement and continuing for life or until the election is cancelled. Employees who are not retiring on an immediate annuity have the option, within 31 days, to convert to another life insurance plan, without medical examination, for which they pay the full cost.

Health Insurance. Most employees separated on an immediate annuity meet the eligibility requirements to continue in the same health insurance plan by which they were covered as active employees with no change in benefits or Government contributions. The cost may be deducted from the annuity payments. Employees separated who are not eligible for an immediate annuity or who do not meet the minimum service requirements for continuation of their health insurance program receive a 31-day temporary extension of coverage during which time they may convert to a non-group contract without evidence of insurability by the carrier of the plan in which they are enrolled. Employees converting to such plans pay the full cost plus an administrative charge equal to two percent of the total cost.

Leave. Employees separated receive a lump sum payment for their accumulated annual leave. Unused leave generally may accumulate to a total of 30 days. For those CSRS employees who retire on an immediate annuity, the number of days of sick leave accumulated is credited toward the computation of their years of service for a retirement annuity. If an employee is physically incapacitated at the time of his/her proposed separation, his/her separation date is extended until he/she recovers or his/her sick leave is exhausted, which ever comes first.

Deferred Annuities and Retirement Contribution Refunds. If an employee is separated before attaining eligibility for an immediate annuity, he/she may elect to have his/her deductions refunded or leave the money in the retirement fund. If the money is left in the fund, and he/she has a minimum of five years of creditable service, he/she will be entitled to a deferred annuity at age 62.

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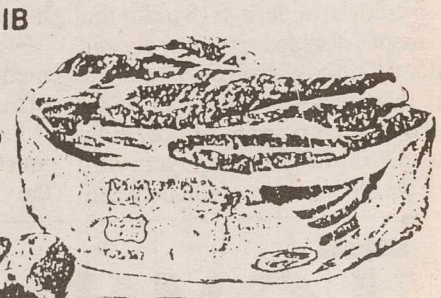

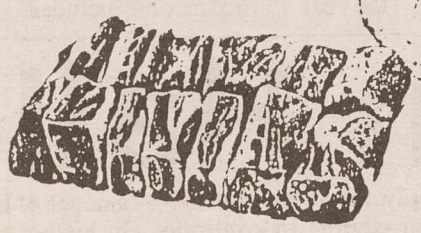

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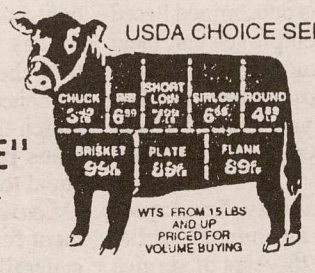

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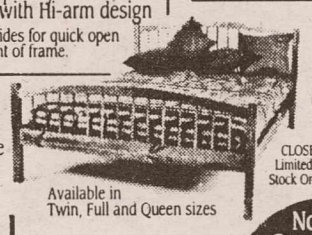

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News briefs

Ethics training

All civilian employees and enlisted soldiers who did not attend the mandatory annual Ethics Training in 1993 can still meet the requirement by attending one of the following sessions: Monday, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. The training sessions are one hour in length and will be conducted at the Post Theater, Building 99. For information, call RoseAnn Pelzner, Paralegal, Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Office, at **561-4814**.

Ed Center News

The Army Education Center plans to offer the following free computer workshops during the April-June quarter. *This will be the last opportunity for Presidians to take computer classes through the Presidio Education Center.*

Advanced WordPerfect 5.1 — Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April 4 to 27.

Beginning WordPerfect 5.1 — Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April 5 to 28.

Introduction to Microcomputers — Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., May 2 to 25.

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Active duty soldiers have first priority for enrollment and DA civilians who work on the Presidio have second priority. Adult family members and reservists are accepted on a space-available basis. Enrollment forms and further information on all classes are available from Kay Terry at the Presidio Education Center, Building 1216, **561-2974 or 561-4445**.

Red Cross Swimming Classes

The American Red Cross would like to inform the public that five different swimming classes will be offered every Saturday, starting March 26 through May 7.

***Infant/Pre-School Aquatic Program**, 9 to 9:30 a.m.
Level I, Water Orientation, 9:35 to 10:05 a.m.
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Level IV, Stroke Development, 11:20 to 11:50 a.m.
* Parent and child involvement.

For registration and payment information, call or stop by the American Red Cross office, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, Room 357, **561-2187**.

Lifeguard training

The American Red Cross is offering Lifeguard training from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Presidio Pool on Saturdays and Sundays as follows: March 26 and 27, and April 2, 3, 9 and 10. Call **561-2187** or visit the Red Cross, Room 357, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, to register.

Job Resource Center News

Stressed out from your job search? Attend "Dealing with Job Search Stress," conducted by Karen Kaho of Army Community Services. The three-hour class begins at 9 a.m., March 30, in the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37. Administrative leave for this class may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor. Call **561-2554** for reservations.

The Job Resource Center will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 26, in the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37. Have you been too busy to get away from your job to prepare your SF 171 or resume? Now you can prepare your SF 171 and/or resume on Saturday. You can also use Federal "ACCESS" to look for job openings. Make your appointment now by calling **561-2554**.

West Point Founders' Day

The annual West Point Founders' Day dinner will be held at the Presidio Officers' Club tomorrow. Benny Havens Hour commences at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army Commanding General, will speak. For reservations, call Mary Paul at **(415) 921-4237**.

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History has a way of repeating itself. Could it be the same with love and in personal relationships? See if any of these situations sound familiar:

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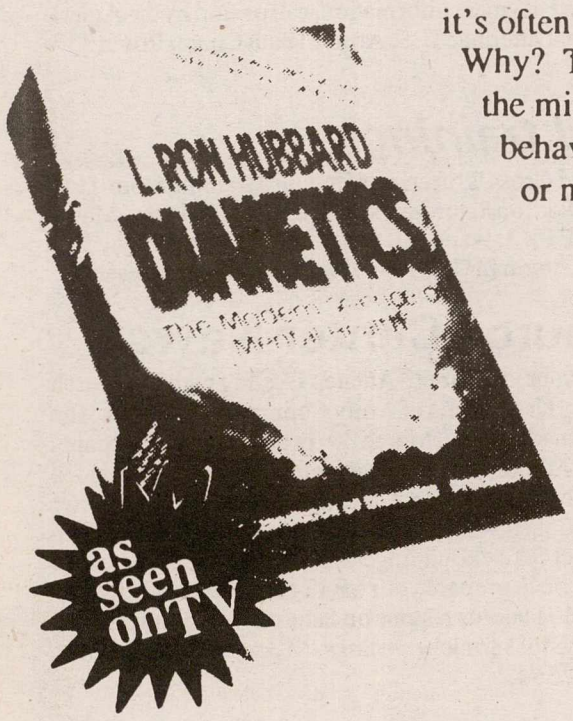

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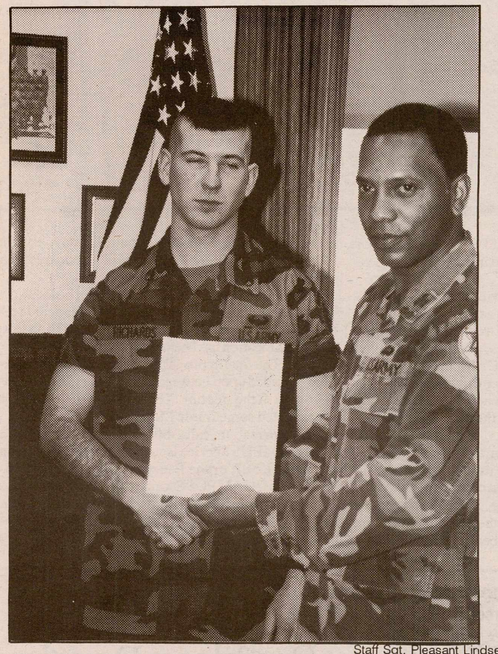
Hail and Farewell

Above, the Civilian Personnel Office's Terry Seegel, Terri Allred, Val Moore and Sgt. 1st Class Dana Seegel of Readiness Group-PSF sing "The Ballad of Bob Mahoney" at an award and farewell ceremony held March 3 in the Garrison Commander's Conference Room, Building 220. The song was sung to the tune of "The Ballad of Davey Crockett." Right, Mahoney, former deputy chief of Public Affairs here, wears the Commander's Award for Civilian Service Medal presented to him at the ceremony.



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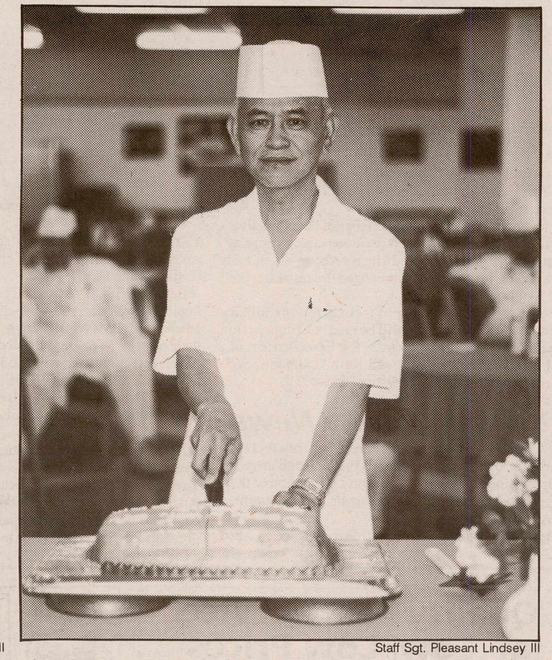

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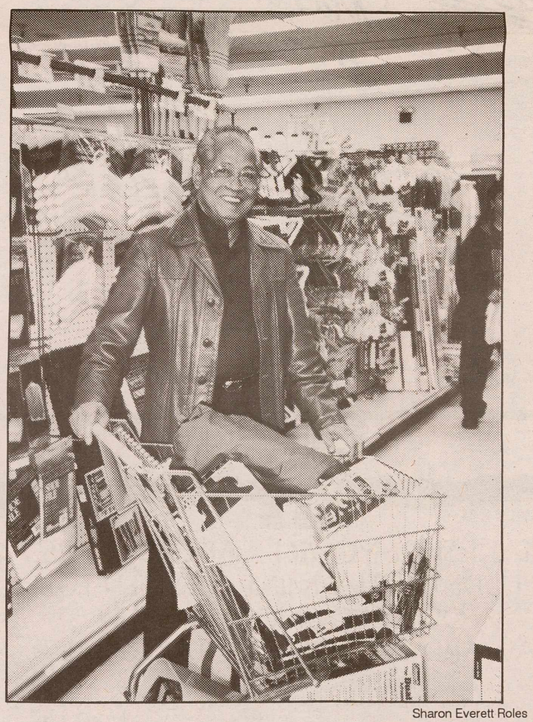
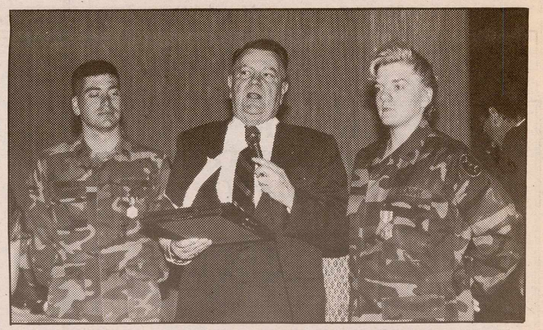
Liverdo Perey, cashier/food service worker for the Post Dining Facility, will be leaving soon for his new job at Latrop U.S. Army Depot, Stockton, Calif.

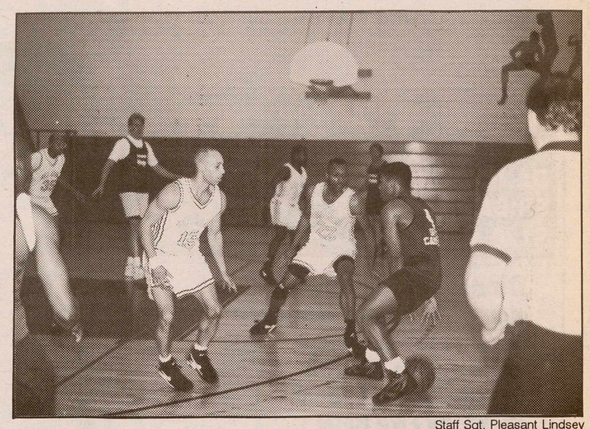


Sharon Everett Roles

AAFES customer Honorato tarape won a $1,000 shopping spree in a recent drawing at the Presidio Post Exchange. Tarape is shown here displaying just a few of his goodies.



Henry Morris, Civilian Aid to the Secretary of the Army for Northern California, presents plaques and personal checks to Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, Sixth U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Spc. Adrienne Story, Sixth Army Soldier of the year at their luncheon March 11 in the golden Gate Community Club here.



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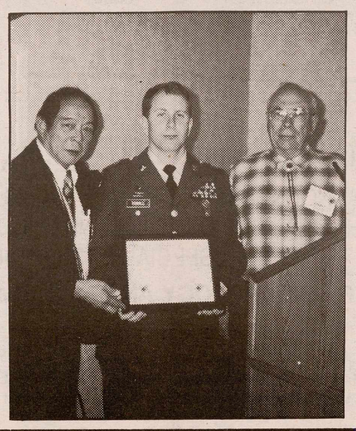
All-Army Basketball's Eric McLaughlin, 15, and Carl O. Curry, 22, trap a Shell & Campbell player during Sunday's game here in gym No. 1, Building 63. All-Army won by 56 points, 112-56. All-Army plays in the 1994 U.S. Armed Forces Basketball Tournament this weekend at Alameda Naval Air Station, Calif.

Photos by Sam and Jane Young

Band plays WW II hits for Battle of Bulge vets

Above, Sixth U.S. Army Band members play hit songs of World War III at the 50th Anniversary Luncheon and Reunion of the golden Gate Chapter, Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge at the Fort Mason Officers' Club. Right, Founder and charter president Chief Warrant Officer Fred T. Dong, (retired) presents a certificate of appreciation to the band's Staff Sgt. James Kowall for the occasion with Chapter President Ernest Figueira Jr. The band members included Spc. richard Huffaker, guitar; Spc. Brian N. Soulpaw, bass; Staff Sgt. Russell robinson, saxophone; Kowall on trumpet; and Staff Sgt. Phillip Ranney (not shown) on piano.



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Teen Theater Classes

Teens, are you interested in putting on a play and earning money for a trip to Disneyland? Sign up now for Spring Theater Class. For information on Attitude Theater, contact the Youth Center at **561-5143**.

Passover Festival

The Jewish Festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days. This year, it begins at sunset March 26 and concludes at sunset April 3.

Passover, the Spring Festival, celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It is a joyous family holiday, rich in story, symbolism and ritual. Above all, it calls attention each year to the yet unrealized dream of freedom for all people.

A Seder service and dinner to include Jewish military personnel and their families will be held at Congregation B'Nai Emunah, 3595 Taraval Street, San Francisco, 6p.m., March 27. For information, call Ruth Callmann, **567-2830**, or Presidio Chaplains' Office, **561-4719**.

Letterman Closure News

The CHAMPUS Service Center recommends that beneficiaries enrolled in the TRICARE Prime health program take the appropriate steps to avoid any disruption of their health care benefits upon the downsizing of the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Letterman's Pediatric Clinic will cease service on April 1. The Letterman Clinic is slated to end all services for Active Duty adult dependents and retirees and their dependents on June 1.

Beneficiaries of Active Duty service members remaining in the area who show the clinic as their Primary Care Manager (PCM) will need to select a civilian physician as their new PCM prior to these dates. A listing of civilian physicians contracted with the TRICARE Prime program is available at the CHAMPUS Service Center, or by calling **1-800-451-8552**, extension 3169. A new TRICARE Prime identification card will be issued at the time a new PCM is selected.

It has come to Letterman's attention that service members have been denied CHAMPUS benefits at local pharmacies. The pharmacies have had difficulty accessing Aetna's computer system that allows for billing. Since the pharmacy could not be sure of getting paid, they would not fill the prescription. If those service members who have paid for prescriptions out-of-pocket would drop by the Patient Service Center, Room 215, we will assist you in getting reimbursed.

Finally, the new Letterman Clinic will be located in the main hospital building on the second floor near the Acute Care Clinic. It will take up approximately 25,000 square feet. This location has been negotiated locally with the Park Service. The final approval for terms and conditions is now being decided upon between the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of the Interior. The results of these negotiations are expected sometime in March.

For information, call **1-800-451-8552**, extension 3169; the CHAMPUS Service Center at **415-561-0650** (on post at **9-561-0650**); or the Patient Service Center, **415-561-4509**. The CHAMPUS Service Center and Patient Service Center are co-located in Room 215 of the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic.

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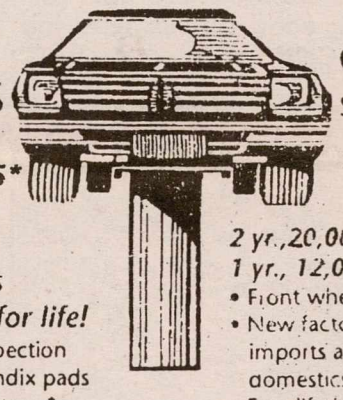

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Stay calm after a quake

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Over the last two weeks, these articles have covered preparing your home, family and emergency supplies. To conclude this series, here is valuable information to heed during and after an earthquake occurs.

ACTIONS TO TAKE DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

First and foremost, **stay calm.** A typical earthquake will last from 15 to 40 seconds. During this time, slowly move away from any high risk areas.

If you are inside, stay inside; if outside, stay outside. In earthquakes, most injuries occur as people are entering or leaving a building.

If indoors, take cover under a heavy desk, table, bench; stand in a supported doorway or in a corner or inside wall away from glass. Watch for falling plaster, bricks, light fixtures, tall furniture and any other objects which might fall.

If you are outside, move into an open area away from trees, buildings, walls and power lines. Watch for falling objects. Stay in the open until the shaking stops.

If driving, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses, bridges and power lines. A car may jiggle on its springs, but it is a good place to stay until the shaking stops.

In a crowded, public place, do not rush for doors or elevators. Move away from objects that may fall. Power may fail; alarms and sprinklers may go off. Don't leave until the shaking stops and a safe route has been identified.

AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

Stay calm and help others to remain so. There may be aftershocks. Check for injuries. Apply first aid. Do not move seriously injured individuals unless they are in immediate danger.

Check for gas and water leaks, broken electrical wiring or sewer lines. If there is damage, turn off the utility at the source. **DO NOT** use matches, lighters, or open flame appliances until you are sure no gas leak exists. **DO NOT** operate electrical switches or appliances if gas leaks are suspected. This creates sparks which can ignite gas from broken lines.

Check building for cracks and damages, including the roof, chimneys and foundation.

DO NOT touch downed power lines or objects touching the downed lines.

Immediately clean up spilled medicines, drugs and other potentially harmful materials.

Check food and water supplies. Emergency water may be obtained from water heaters, melted ice cubes, toilet tanks (NOT bowls) and canned vegetables.

Check to make sure sewer lines are intact before permitting flushing of toilets.

Turn on your portable radio or car radio for instructions and news reports. Cooperate fully with public safety officials. Do not use your vehicle unless there is an emergency. Keep the streets clear for emergency vehicles.

A note posted to the door outside your entrance will let rescuers and/or other family members know that you have proceeded to another location. Provide the date/time of departure, your destination and who is with you.

Be prepared for additional earthquakes or "aftershocks." Although most of these are smaller than the main shock, they may cause severe damage to already weakened structures.

Follow your family's earthquake survival plan.

STAY CALM AND LEND A HAND TO HELP OTHERS

A disaster of almost any kind will interfere with your normal supply of water, food, heat, and other day-to-day necessities. Presidio residents should be the best informed and prepared in order for them to safely enjoy their stay at the Presidio -- the "Jewel by the Bay."

Tree work at Kobbe and Greenbough Avenues will require a power outage from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday. This outage will affect the following quarters/administration buildings: 951 (Scott Hall)-967, entire 1200 and 1300 areas.

Bay Pacific Pipeline will continue their work in the 600 and 900 area west of the Crissy Field helipad and north of Highway 101. Local water outages in that area should end today.

There has been a schedule change regarding the next area to be affected. Bay Pacific WILL NOT be in the area east of Crissy Field helipad and north of Highway 101 (200, 600, 100 areas) Monday. It has been scheduled for a later date.

Beginning Monday and ending March 25, local water outages will be experienced at Bldgs. 661, 662, 663 (Auto Craft Shop), 664, 665, 667 (Outdoor Recreation), 668 (Veterinary Clinic), 669-679, 680, 681-683 (Religious Activity Center) and the San Francisco National Cemetery. Water outages should occur only between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the week. Questions may be directed to me at **561-3711**.

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"Standing guard" as civilian, soldier

By Adrienne D. Story
Star Presidian Staff

Editor's Note: This story is reprinted from the March 5, 1992, edition of the Star Presidian. Porter is now the Presidio's Community Relations Officer.

"Although women are still mothering and nurturing, at the same time we are becoming leaders," says Dixie Porter, plans and management officer for the Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office. "Women play a multi-functional role."

Porter is proud to be a woman, especially one who can do anything.

She does everything from handling most of the official paperwork coming through the Public Affairs Office (looking at her desk reveals that's a lot of paperwork) to making absolutely beautiful crafted burlwood clocks.

"We're making a difference in the world," Porter said. "Now we're moving into leadership roles and doing non-traditional jobs -- and doing them very well."

Porter has worked in numerous career fields. She was a Forest Service lookout. "I got to sit on a hill and watch for fires all day," she explained.

That's just the beginning. She was also a bartender, telephone and switchboard operator, change girl, cashier, waitress, legal document clerk, store clerk, secretary and, most importantly, a mother. Imagine her resume.

Porter worked these different jobs while raising two children as a single parent. For eight months straight, she worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as a legal document clerk and then rushed to her second job as a bartender, which she worked from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"By the time I closed the bar and deposited the money, it was three [a.m.] when I got home," Porter said. "The next day I'd have to be up by seven [a.m.]."

Now Porter's children are grown up and gone from home, but she continues to keep herself busy with work and hobbies.

Porter not only "holds down the fort" at the PAO, but she also protects it at Sacramento. She is a sergeant first class in the California National Guard. She waited until her children were raised before she joined the National Guard.

"I always wanted to go into the service," she admitted. "My husband and brother

Dixie Porter

talked me out of it.

"Before I came to Sixth Army, I thought reservists had to be prior service," Porter confessed. After she came here, she began the process of joining the National Guard or reserves.

With a waiver, Porter was admitted into the Guard. She had to get a waiver because she was 40 years old when she attended basic training.

Porter atended basic at Fort McClellan, Ala., where she acted as assistant drill sergeant to 44 soldiers.

For her dedication and motivation, she was named honor graduate of her platoon.

"Everyone thought, 'if that ole bat can do it, then I can'," Porter said about other soldiers' determination. "I thought, if these young brats can do it, so can I! We helped each other out."

Basic training was tough for Porter, but no toughter than it was for anyone else. She doesn't consider it her greatest accomplishment, though.

She feels raising her children successfully is her most difficult and fulfilling accomplishment. "They are both hard working and ambitious," Porter said. "They're good kids. That makes me very proud since I essentially raised them by myself."

Porter's son is a doctor and her daughter a waitress. They take after their mother's hard working traits.

Porter feels she represents women today.

"I think women still play their role at home as well as working eight to 10 hours a day," Porter says. "Husbands are getting better now, handling more household responsibility.

"It's more difficult for women to achieve goals in the workplace," she feels. "It's somewhat easier, but women still have to prove themselves. They have to be better -- good isn't good enough. We have to do more. Whatever that may be."

MILESTONES IN WOMEN'S MILITARY HISTORY

1901 -- Army Nurse Corps is established.

May 1942 -- Women Auxiliary Army Corps is established.

July 20, 1942 -- First WAAC training center opens at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Col. Oveta Culp Hobby informed the trainees, "We have a debt to democracy and a date with destiny."

Sept. 30, 1942 -- A squadron of women pilots was assembled and organized by order of Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, commander of the Army Air Force in the United States, at New Castle Army Base, Del. Nancy Harkness Love was appointed director. They were assigned to the Army Air Transport Command for ferry duty. At the same time, the Women's Military Pilot Training Program was initiated at Houston Municipal Airport and moved later to Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas. Pioneer female pilot Jacqueline Cochran was named director of women pilots. They were subsequently known as the WASP, Women Airforce Service Pilots. The WASPs towed target sleeves behind their aircraft, so that ground troops could practice firing live ammunition; they flew similar missions for aerial gunnery practice. Thirty-eight WASPs gave their lives in service.

July 1, 1943 -- President signs a bill dropping the designation "auxiliary," so the WAAC becomes the Women's Army Corps, a component of the Army of the United States. The WAC became a permanent part of the regular Army and reserve in 1948, and in 1978 was disestablished as a separate corps.

June 12, 1948 -- Public Law 625, the Women in Armed Services Integration Act, passes to establish a permanent place for women in the armed forces.

1951 -- The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services is formed to do research and to advise the secretary of defense on issues relating to servicewomen.

Nov. 8, 1967 -- Public Law 90-130 is signed, removing promotion ceilings instituted under the Women in Armed Services Integration Act. Women become eligible for promotion to colonel and general.

1969 -- The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and the Jointed Armed Forces Staff College both admit women.

1970 -- The Air War College admits women.

June 11, 1970 -- Anna May Hayes, Army Nurse Corps, is the first woman promoted to brigadier general.

1972 -- Army and Navy ROTC programs admit women.

July 1972 -- Alene B. Duerk, Navy Nurse Corps, receives spot promotion to rear admiral.

1973 -- Air Force Brig. Gen. Jeanne Holm becomes first woman major general.

July 1974 -- Lt. Sally Murphy becomes first female helicopter pilot in the Army.

1976 -- Fran McKee becomes first woman line officer promoted to flag rank (rear admiral).

July 1976 -- Women are admitted to service academies.

August 1976 -- First 10 Air Force women report to flight training school.

January 1977 -- Marine Corps Officer Candidate School goes coed.

May 1977 -- Women are assigned to Coast Guard ships Morgenthau and Gallantin.

May 11, 1978 -- Marine Corps Col. Margaret Brewer is promoted to brigadier general.

August 1978 -- The Coast Guard removes all assignment restrictions based on gender.

Nov. 1, 1978 -- Women report aboard the Navy's USS Vulcan.

1984 -- Women Air Force pilots provide tanker support for bombing raid on Libya.

1989 -- Women see action in Panama.

April 1993 -- President Clinton and Secretary of Defense Les Aspin repeal the ban on the assignment of women to combat aircraft and combat ships.

1993 -- Women who are qualified to fly Cobra or Apache attack helicopters are assigned to combat aviation units and aircraft carriers. Air Force 2nd Lt. Jeannie Flynn is in the first group of women assigned to combat aircraft. Two women officers join the crew of a combat warship, the USS Fox, for a six-month deployment -- the first time in history that women will service on a warship for a complete deployment

(Compiled by the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation)

"Hello girls" first women in military service

By Sgt. 1st Class Steve Barrett
American Forces Information Service

In 1917, a total of 233 American women volunteered for World War I duty. These women answered the call with a simple "hello."

Known as the "Hello Girls," these specially trained telephone operators formed the first organized group of American women to don military uniforms and serve during war.

After the United States declared war on Germany April 6, 1917, American troops joined their British and French allies in battling Germany's invasion of France.

During those initial months, American units relied on French telephone operators to send messages from the lines to their higher headquarters. Because of the language barrier, these messages were often misunderstood, ignored or cut off midway through transmission.

Army Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of American forces in Europe, asked War Secretary Newton Baker for American female telephone operators. Baker approved the request, agreeing that English-speaking operators would improve the war effort.

Under Army supervision, the selection and training of these operators fell to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Using a nationwide advertising campaign, the Army interviewed 7,000 applicants. They had to be fluent in French and in good physical conditioning for the demands of living and working near the front.

A total of 450 women began training at AT&T centers in San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Lancaster, Pa., and Hoboken and Atlantic City, N.J.

Once technical training ended, the women moved to military installations, where they received their military and signal training. At these installations the operators donned their dark blue uniforms.

One facility was Camp Franklin, Md., now part of Fort George G. Meade. The 400-acre camp already housed 11,000 men trained for signal duties, so it was fitting that the operators learned their military communications there as well.

The women trained in basic military radio procedures, coding and decoding, and other tasks necessary to keep communication lines open.

Half of the 450 women completed training.

By spring 1918, the first 33 operators were on their way to Europe. Once issued gas masks and steel helmets, they deployed to posts in 75 French cities.

"Their living conditions were a little better than the troops, but not much," said Ted Wise, a historian with the Army's Signal Museum in Fort Gordon, Ga. Wise said the operators often lived in plain, unheated wooden buildings and worked in a similar environment.

Operators often worked in 48-hour stretches, enduring fatigue and hunger to ensure communications got from the front to headquarters and back. An example of that dedication occurred during the Battle of the Argonne in October 1918, when fire broke out in the building housing the First Army's switchboard.

Despite the heat and flames, operators remained at their posts, relaying coded messages. Although eventually forced out, operators returned to work an hour later, resuming work on lines not destroyed.

The Hello Girls' impact was immediate. Wise said once the operators started handling calls, communications to and from First Army headquarters improved dramatically. The operators were a welcome sound to the troops in the field, who considered them the "glamour girls of the American Expeditionary Force."

Soon after most operators arrived in France, the war ended. Many remained in Europe into the 1920s, providing operator assistance to commanders and troops remaining in Europe. Operators received praise for their dedication and bravery in their World War I role.

However, their contributions as military members went ignored for years. The War Department refused to consider the operators as soldiers. For years these women were denied veterans benefits, although they served in uniform alongside their male counterparts.

In 1971, Congress recognized the accomplishments and dedication of the Hello Girls, declaring them soldiers and making the surviving operators eligible for veterans benefits. By this time, 52 years after the end of World War I, most had died.

Still, the order gave the Hello Girls validity as military members. Starting with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps forming in 1942, women have continued to contribute in the nation's defense.

Women took their first steps into the American military with a simple "hello," a message that has carried for more than 75 years.

All-Army basketball team returns to Bay Area

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The All-Army Basketball Team returned to the Bay Area to defend its crown tonight in the 1994 U.S. Armed Forces Men's Basketball Championship at Naval Air Station Alameda, Calif.

The Army will open the tournament at 7 p.m. with a game against the Air Force. Afterward, the Navy and Marines are scheduled to square off at 9 p.m.

The All-Army team finished tuning up for the tournament by beating two local teams this past weekend in Gym No. 1, Building 63.

"Our toughest competition may be the Air Force. They have always been tough. But in a tournament, anyone can surprise you," said third year head coach Tim Spikes. "They've got to stop us. We have our guys focused on the Army motto — 'Be All You Can Be.'"

The Army won the championship last year and placed second in 1992 and 1991, the year that Spikes served as assistant coach. He said he expects his team to repeat as tournament champions this year.

"We're real strong and have more firepower than we did last year," he said. "We're big but mobile, which will enable us to run a motion offense." He'll have three starters and a reserve forward returning from last year to lead this team.

Spikes, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., said this year's team has more depth at the guard and perimeter positions to back up returning starters Larry N. Coates, 5-foot-8, from HHC, 3rd Signal Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas, and 6-foot Eric C. Mclaughlin, from HHC, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Polk, La.

The third returning starter is 6-foot-8 center Carl O. Curry from the Sports Office of Fort Sill, Okla. Reserve forward Mario Claytor, 6-foot-4, will again be expected to come off the bench to keep the motion offense working, as he did last year. Coach Spikes said Claytor stays on top of his game by playing for a team from Berlin.

Claytor said this team will go all the way again this year.

Spikes said the newer team members have accepted their roles, and the team as a whole has come together like a finely tuned machine. The All-Army team proved itself by beating the teams from Fort Stewart, Ga., forts Lee and Eustis, Va., Fort Monmouth, N.J., and Fort Bragg, N.C. The team finished its season here by beating Hawaii New Pisa and Shell & Campbell, Saturday and Sunday respectively, in Gym No. 1.

The 2 p.m. game against Hawaii New Pisa gave Presidians their first look at the new team. New Pisa gave them a run for their money, tieing the game 50-50 just before the first half ended.

All-Army showed new life in the second half while New Pisa showed signs of fatigue. Fifty seconds was all it took for All-Army to put the game away. With the score tied 60-60 and 16:16 left in the game, Mclaughlin rolled in a layup, Coates fired in a 3-pointer, Curry drove to the hole for a quick basket, and Coates tossed in another 3-pointer to stretch the lead to 70-60, forcing New Pisa to call time out. The clock showed 15:26. All-Army won this game by 30 points.

The 6:30 p.m. Sunday game against Shell & Campbell turned out to be no contest. After coming from behind to take a 14-13 lead in the first five minutes of play, the All-Army Team proceeded to double its opponent's score every 3½ minutes. The final score was 112-56. Mclaughlin scored 27 points including three 3-pointers, Curry scored 15 points, Claytor added 14 points and Coats tossed in 10.

The tournament at Alameda NAS this weekend will provide Presidians with another chance to see the All-Army team in action. New team members include:
Derrian Ashford, 6-4, 520th Personnel Service Center, Detachment 3, Baumholder, Germany;
Juan Buck, 6-0, E Company, 801st MSR, Fort Campbell, Ky.;
Cordell E. Caviness, 6-4, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4/82nd Field Artillery, Fort Polk, La.;
Anthony Gardner, 6-8, HHB, 2/3rd Field Artillery, Germany;
Marko Gittens, 6-3, Headquarters, 40th Engineer Battalion, Germany;
Roderick C. Hall, 6-0, C Company, 57th Signal Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas;
Christopher Harvey, 6-7, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Engineer Brigade, Fort Riley, Kan.; and
Marvin E. Phillips, 6-4, 98th Maintenance Company, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

The new assistant coaches include **Petty L. Fisher,** HHC, 1/187th Infantry, Fort Campbell, Ky., and **Louis E. Vardaman,** Selfridge Army National Guard Bureau, Minn. Fisher played on the '78 All-Army Team.

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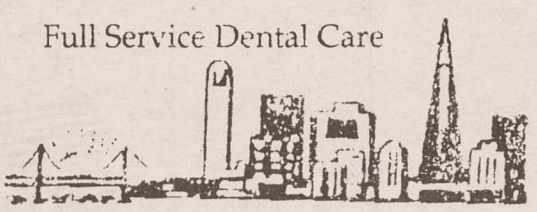

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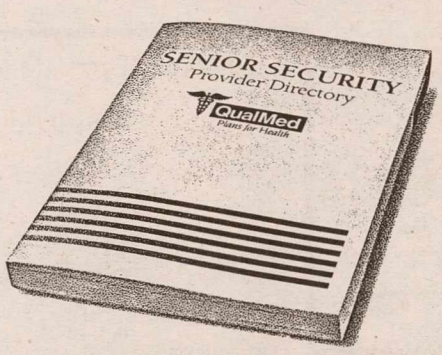

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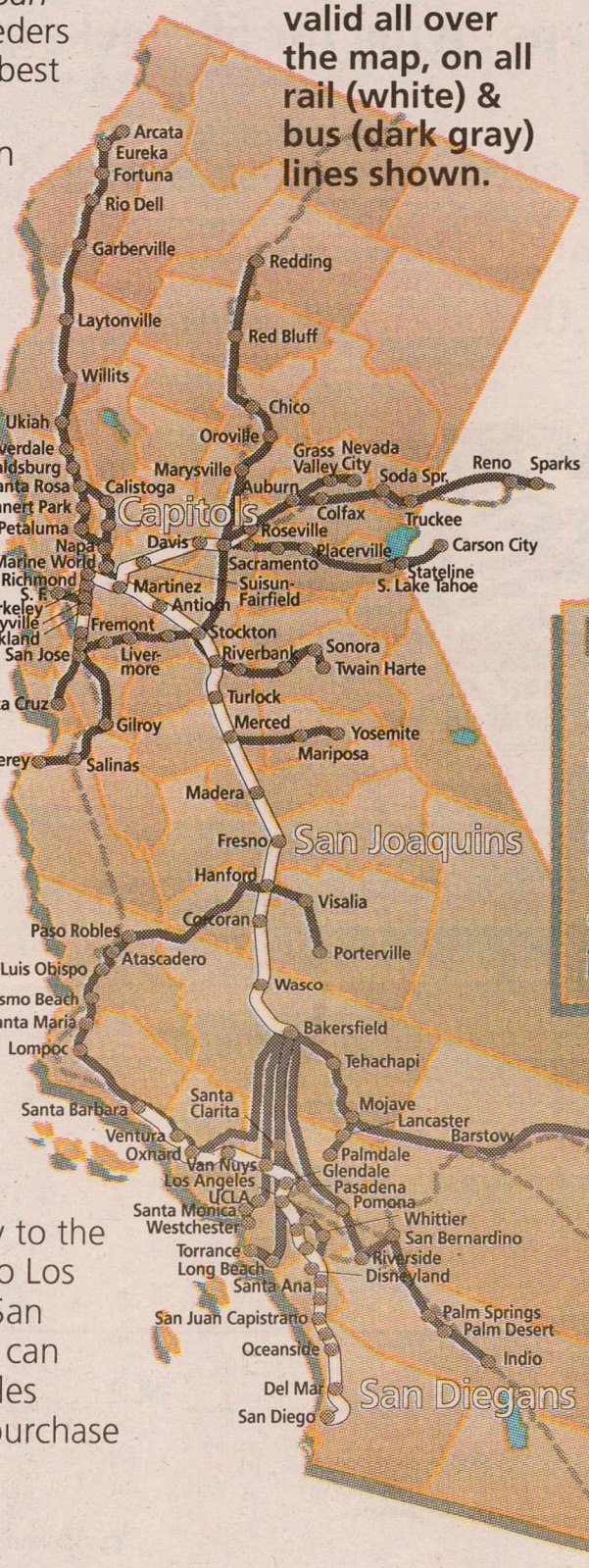

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Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux

Members of the Glendora High School "Royal Stewart Singers" performed at the Presidio Officers' Club March 18. The revue included Broadway tunes, a capella bebop, and a jazz piece featuring two choir members in a modern dance number.

VSIP News

Window extended, new program begun

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

If you are a Garrison civilian employee who has been considering voluntary separation incentives, the time to make up your mind is ending soon. The deadline to choose a separation incentive, either Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) or Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA), is April 6.

According to Cindy Swift, the Civilian Personnel project officer for VSIP/VERA, 40 Garrison employees had decided to take advantage of these programs as of March 17. Seventeen employees from the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic had opted for the pay incentives as well.

A memorandum written by Civilian Personnel Officer Donna White explained that the purpose of voluntary separation incentives is to provide a cash incentive for employees to voluntarily separate in order to minimize the need for involuntary separations due to reduction in force, base closure or other similar actions. Since the VSIP/VERA is a voluntary action the employee is not eligible for severance pay nor registration in the Priority Placement Program (PPP), nor can the employee be employed within Department of Defense for a period of one year from the date of separation. Also, employees who are enrolled in a Federal Employee Health Benefit plan are not entitled to have the Government's share of their premium nor the two percent administrative charge paid by the Government under the Temporary Continuation of Coverage of Health Benefits.

White also wrote that in order to be eligible for VSIP, an employee:

-- must be serving on an appointment without a time limitation and have been employed continuously for 12 months.

-- may not be a reemployed annuitant.

-- may not have filed an application for disability retirement.

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-- has not already accepted a position with another federal agency.

If you are interested in applying for VSIP, contact Cindy Swift at **561-5756**. She can explain the registration procedures. If your separation incentive is approved, a Request for Personnel Action will be completed.

In other VSIP news, a test program has been approved DoD-wide in California, Nevada, and Arizona. This test program will allow all DoD activities in these states to offer VSIP to their personnel in order to create more job vacancies for other employees registered in PPP. This program will make offers based on date of separation. This means that if two employees are being separated, one in September and the other in December, the employee who is due to be separated in September will receive the job offer.

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Star Presidian Deadline

Articles for the *Star Presidian* must be submitted by noon the Friday before the newspaper is printed. Late submissions will not be accepted.

If you wish to review an article written by the newspaper staff, it is your responsibility. Changes or corrections must be made by noon the Tuesday before the newspaper is printed. If corrections are not received by that time, the article will run as written.

We appreciate all your submissions and will gladly print articles from outside sources.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Life on the Presidio these past four years has developed within me an appreciation for this unique environment. Combined with the beauty of the waterfront, we enjoy the historical and natural qualities that surround us. While the historical features seem to be protected from demolition by law, the natural wildlife does not enjoy the same consideration.

As reported by our Provost Marshal's Office in a recent community meeting, numerous animals (raccoons, skunks and even foxes) are being trapped and removed from the Presidio. It concerns me that efforts are being made to eliminate the wildlife at such a rapid pace.

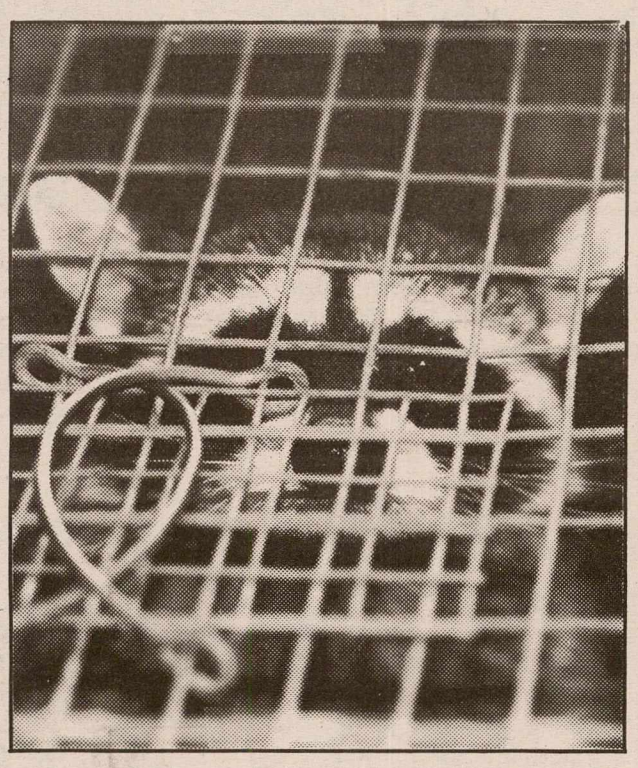
Observing the wildlife used to be a fairly common experience, to include sighting a fox on an evening walk. However, for the past four months I have not observed any wildlife around the Presidio. I have also noticed that efforts have been made to destroy the natural habitat of raccoons by cutting and stripping the ivy away from the large trees.

I would like some reasonable explanation as to why there is such a concerted effort underway to eliminate the wildlife from the Presidio. It seems a real shame to destroy what is one of the most unique characteristics of life here.

Of all the wildlife on the Presidio, perhaps the two animals that create an obvious eyesore and the greatest nuisance are the little gophers and moles that leave unsightly mounds of dirt and tunnel through the yards and parade fields. Is there a concerted effort to eliminate these little pests? I doubt it!

Why can't the Presidio be preserved for all of these animals so that those who reside here can enjoy its uniqueness for years to come?

Maj. Michael Koplin



Dear Editor:

Every duty day at 7:30 a.m., three soldiers wearing orange safety vests climb into the cab of a pick-up truck. Ever wonder who these soldiers are or what they are doing? Well, one week they're MPs. the next week they're bandsmen, and the following two weeks they're soldiers out of Headquarters Company. As for their job, these soldiers are picking up trash that folks (of course, not you or me) have dumped out of their car windows, thrown on the ground, and just slightly missed that trash can.

It is a crying shame that my tax dollars are being utilized to pick up trash instead of providing the services to soldiers and family members for which these three soldiers were trained.

How often, when you are walking on the Presidio or even downtown, do you stop to pick up a piece of trash? I try. My most normal route is from the Military Personnel Office to the PX. I can usually get two to three pieces of trash: straw wrappers, napkins, etc. Of course, if it's been raining, I hesitate to pick up this stuff -- it's so nasty and slimy. What's nastier than old cigaret butts? What happened to field stripping?

All this would be unnecessary if we all made a better effort to put trash where it belongs and not on our streets! Until then, won't you join the three soldiers and pick up one or two pieces of trash each time you go for a walk?

Maj. Vicki Y. Bowman

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Vacancy Announcements, job search resouce center information to assist post employees in job search

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

The "Transition" column is dedicated to base closure issues. The *Star Presidian* has used this space for "Town Hall" issues, vacancy announcements, separation incentives, and more. In this edition of "Transition," you'll find a little bit of everything.

The Job Search Resource Center and the Outplacement Office are located in Bldg. 37, Civilian Personnel Office. The Job Search Resource Center provides a full spectrum of services.

Computerized Job Search assistance is provided via various systems, including the National Employment Wire Service, Federal Occupational Career Information System, Automated Job Information System, Transition Bulletin Board, Resume/Cover Letter writing program, automated SF 171. The **Job Search Library** maintains a large selection of informational and resource books. Magazine and newspaper subscriptions to a variety of trade publications are maintained.

The Army Job Assistance Center is pleased to bring the **JAC-In-The-Box** to the Presidio of San Francisco, the first and third weeks of each month. You may use the computer to write your resume and cover letters, using either WordPerfect or the Resume Writing Program. In addition, you can access the Army Employer Alumni network, a data base of more than 11,000 companies and agencies who have expressed a willingness to provide information about employment opportunities. To schedule an appointment, call the *Outplacement Office* at **561-2430**.

The Army Career and Alumni Program also offers **One-on-One Counseling** to assist you in your job search, including the writing of an *effective* resume and preparing for interviews. Counseling is available in Bldg. 37, the first and third Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of every month. Call the Outplacement Office for an appointment.

A workshop on **"How To Find a Job"** takes place from 9 a.m. to noon, April 6, in Bldg. 37, Civilian Personnel Office. To register, call **561-2554**.

Outplacement specialists are actively recruiting vacancy announcements from employers throughout California.

Here are some of the latest job announcements for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

Concessions Management Analyst (Cooperative Agreements Specialist), GS-1107-07 (target GS-1101-11), Announcement No. GOGA-94-34. Closing date is March 31.

Park Ranger (South District - Protection), GS-0025-07, Announcement GOGA-94-36. There are six positions to be filled. Closing date is March 31.

Supervisory Park Ranger (South District Ranger - Protection), GS-0025-09, Announcement No. GOGA-94-35. Closing date is March 31.

Landscape Architect, GS-0807-11, Announcement No. GOGA-94-37. Closing date is March 31.

Realty Specialist, GS-1170-11, Announcement No. GOGA-94-33. Closing date is March 31.

For information on any of the above positions, contact the National Park Service Personnel Division, Bldg. 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123, or phone **(415) 556-2035**.

Are you looking for something a little different? Here are some other vacancies to consider.

The City of San Rafael is looking for a **Fire Prevention Inspector**. Salary Range is $3,201.54-$3,493.51 per month. The City of San Rafael's Fire Department has a residency requirement for its employees. Call the Outplacement Office at **561-2430** for information on this position.

The Department of the Navy at Point Mugu, Calif., is seeking a **Procurement Technician (Typing)**, GS-06-05/06. This position is open until filled. Again, call the Outplacement Office for information.

The 124th U.S. Army Reserve Command at Fort Lewis, Lawton, Wash., has an opening for a **Military Personnel Technician**, GS-0204-07. Closing date is March 31. The Outplacement Office can provide you with additional information.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is looking for a certified automotive mechanic (engine performance, brakes, alignment, smog), regular part time. Starting salary is $12.78 per hour. Applications are being accepted at the AAFES Human Resources Office, Bldg. 1161. For information, telephone **(415) 922-0192**.

Here are the answers to the latest round of "Town Hall" issues. Thanks to Civilian Personnel Office and the Directorate of Resource Management for providing the needed information.

Q. Can BRAC funding be used to provide "benefits" to employees, especially moving expenses?

A. Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) funds pay the severance pay and terminal leave of reduction-in-force (RIF) appropriated fund employees.

Appropriated fund employees who have lost positions due to BRAC or are on the Priority Placement Program due to BRAC may use BRAC funding for permanent change of station (PCS) moves. In accordance with FORSCOM BRAC guidance, when an employee is relocating to a government agency other than DoD, PSF must request that agency fund the move. If the agency refuses, then BRAC funding can be used. The PCS entitlements include transportation of household goods, transportation of employee and dependents, househunting trip, temporary quarters subsistence allowance, 90 day storage of household goods and, in some cases, costs related to selling or buying expenses of a home. However, if the employee negotiates a job outside of a government agency, BRAC will not fund the relocation costs.

Q. Is Mare Island being considered as a Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) site?

A. The selection of DFAS sites is a very "close hold" topic within a small group at DFAS headquarters. Information cannot be released, but a decision is expected by the Secretary of Defense in late March or early April. This assumes that Dr. Perry abides by the process already in progress. As soon as the *Star Presidian* has information about new DFAS sites, it will be published.

Q. What is the "time off" policy with regard to travel time to attend Private Industry Council (PIC) training?

A. The 40-hour limitation on leave time for training is binding as a DA policy decision based on DoD Civilian Personnel Manual, Book 610/630, limiting excused absence to five days (40 hours). The Presidio of San Francisco did not arbitrarily impose this limitation. However, supervisors should work closely with employees in retraining to accommodate flexible schedules that are not major mission impediments.

Finally, Brenda Peixotto of the Outplacement Division would like to share these thoughts with you:

Presidians are finding jobs and getting hired. Already, lots of your fellow workers have left the Presidio. Some have been selected through the Priority Placement system, which applies only to DoD agencies. Others have found jobs with the help of CPO's Outplacement Division.

More than 300 people have registered to use our outplacement services. With a staff of four specialists, that is a ration of 75 to one, and more people are registering every day. Most likely to be hired are those Presidians who are making the time and putting forth the effort to do whatever it takes to get hired. With or without our help, those who find jobs are the ones who visit CPO regularly, use the job search services, scour the announcements for vacancies, apply for the positions, and interview.

People are finding jobs and getting hired.

The CPO Outplacement Division will sponsor a Job Fair in June. Many of you have stated you are interested in working only for Federal agencies. However, non-DoD agencies have expressed little interest in attending. They have no need to attend a job fair, because they are already inundated with job applicants. In the local job market, where jobs are scarce and job applicants are numerous, employers have the advantage.

To find Federal jobs outside DoD, you have to hunt for them. Most Federal agencies which have vacancies are sending us their announcements. Visit the CPO Outplacement Office regularly to get these announcements.

YOU must find these vacancies and apply for them, with or without our help.

Book highlighting the Presidio's coastal defense available

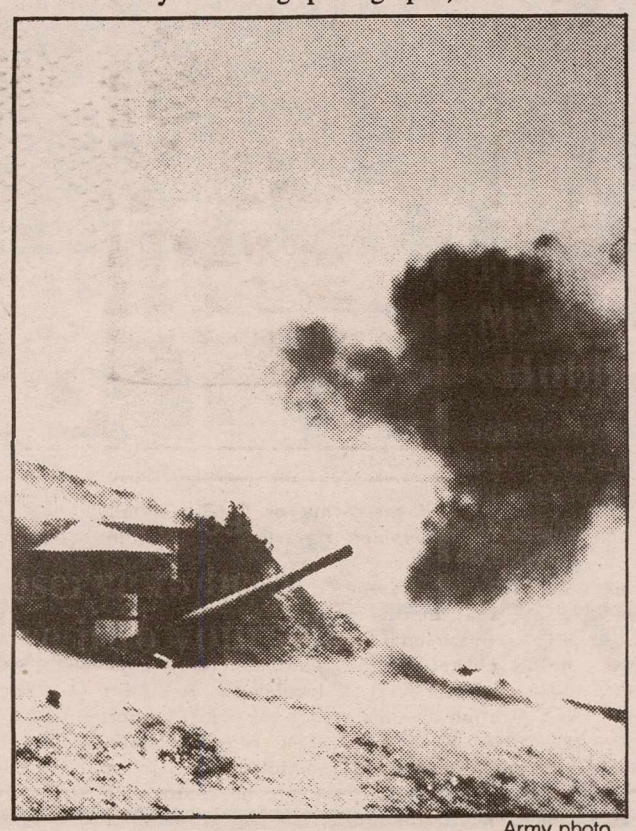
"The Presidio and all its sub-posts are shutting down as Army bases," stated author Brian B. Chin, "so that is why a book about their role in World War II is so important right now."

In the 1970's, Chin created exhibits at the Presidio Army Museum before moving to Los Angeles for film work. When the federal government announced plans to close several Bay Area military installations in 1991, Chin began writing a book about the big coast artillery guns at the Golden Gate before their story was forgotten. Chin believes "this book gives the first full account of the San Francisco harbor defenses in World War II."

The Harbor Defenses of San Francisco guarded the Golden Gate from enemy naval attack. Units of the old U.S. Army Coast Artillery Corps manned giant caliber seacoast guns encased in massive concrete bunkers. Men and guns fulfilled their mission without incident at Forts Winfield Scott, Miley, and Funston on the San Francisco side and Forts Baker, Barry, and Cronkhite in the Marin Headlands. The bunkers remain to this day, but the big guns are long gone to the scrap yard. The Golden Gate "concrete artillery" lingers on in the memories of former officers and men, many of whom now live in the surrounding bay communities. Author Brian Chin interviewed some of these veterans of 50 years ago.

"Some veterans told me amusing stories about old hangouts, such as the Four Winds and Hazel's Sweet Shop in Sausalito," recalls Chin, "so I made sure some of the stories ended up in the book for local color."

Microfilmed pre-war editions of the San Francisco *Chronicle* revealed much press coverage of the Golden Gate harbor defenses and the troops who manned them. The columns of Herb Caen, who had started his popular newspaper local interest feature sometime before the war, provided several anecdotes about GI's in wartime San Francisco. Nearly 200 vintage photographs, most not seen in print since the 1940's, were culled from the extensive collections at the Presidio Army Museum and the San Francisco Archives of the city's Public Library.



Army photo

One of the big artillery guns guarding the entrance of the bay fires a round down range during training in the 1930s.

"I tried to write a book to show what life was like for Army troops stationed in a world of full-alerts and combat discipline so close to the city," stated Chin. The author also believes his book is the first to present a history of World War II San Francisco, and also the first to give a detailed look at the 1945 United Nations Founding Conference held in the city.

This book marks a return to the Bay Area and to local history for Chin. Born and raised in San Francisco, the author was introduced to the old Army emplacements by his father, a World War II veteran, who trained with his reserve unit at the Marin forts during the Cold War. Chin received a Master's Degree in History from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He was also interested in art and model-making. He combined artistic and historical interests in creating exhibits for display at the Presidio Army Museum in the late 1970's. He later went into movie work with credits on such films as "Escape from New York," "Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan," "Battle Beyond the Stars," and "Pumpkinhead." For the last 10 years, Chin has worked in television animation on such shows as "Batman: The Animated Series."

"I've lived in Southern California since 1979, so writing a book set in the Bay Area was an enjoyable change of pace for me," reveals Chin. "Doing a book about World War II at the Golden Gate brings me back to a place I've missed and a time I have always thought fascinating."

For information on obtaining a copy of Chin's book, please phone **(415) 673-9681**.

(Information provided by Brian Chin)

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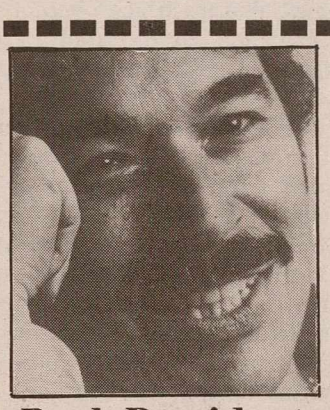
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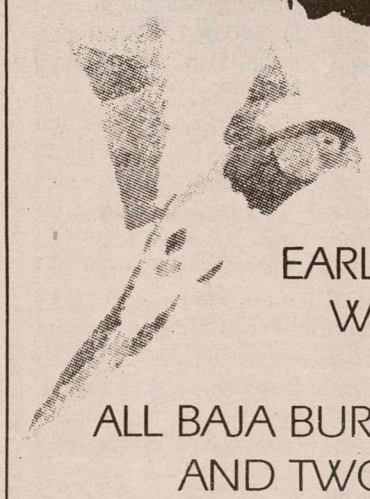

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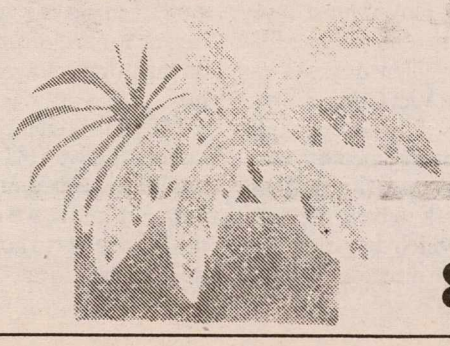

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Presidio Community Column

News briefs

CPR Saturday

April 16 is the day for San Francisco residents to learn CPR . . . for free. The American Red Cross Bay Area is hosting "CPR Saturday" at 17 convenient locations throughout the Bay Area. Residents who sign up for the course will learn principals of choke-saving, rescue breathing, and CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). Disaster preparedness information will be available at all sites. Instruction will last approximately 90 minutes and will be taught between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Register for the free training by calling BASS Tickets at **(510) 762-BASS**.

Yacht Club Membership Drive

The Presidio Yacht Club at East Fort Baker has announced its spring membership drive soliciting members from the Presidio and other nearby military installations.

As a special promotion, the club is offering a one-year associate membership without the usual fees and dues for active duty members of the uniformed services. The associate membership offers most of the privileges of a regular membership, including reciprocal privileges at most yacht clubs worldwide. To rent a berth or use the railway for haulouts requires a regular membership.

Club membership is open to all soldiers and family members and federal government civilian employees. Club members enjoy a wide range of benefits to those interested in sailing or power boating. The club berths can accommodate boats up to 40 feet long at very low rates. Indoor berths are also available.

For membership information, call **332-2319**, or visit any weekend and see for yourself.

Job Resource Center News

Stressed out from your job search? Attend "Dealing with Job Search Stress," conducted by Karen Kaho of Army Community Services. The three-hour class begins at 9 a.m., March 30, in the Civilian Personnel Office, Bldg. 37. Administrative leave for this class may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor. Call **561-2554** for reservations.

Teen Theater Classes

Teens, are you interested in putting on a play and earning money for a trip to Disneyland? Sign up now for Spring Theater Class. For information on Attitude Theater, contact the Youth Center at **561-5143**.

Passover Festival

The Jewish Festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days. This year, it begins at sunset tomorrow and concludes at sunset April 3.

Passover, the Spring Festival, celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It is a joyous family holiday, rich in story, symbolism and ritual. Above all, it calls attention each year to the yet unrealized dream of freedom for all people.

A Seder service and dinner to include Jewish military personnel and their families will be held at Congregation B'Nai Emunah, 3595 Taraval Street, San Francisco, 6 p.m., Sunday. For information, call Ruth Callmann, **567-2830**, or Presidio Chaplains' Office, **561-4719**.

Community Health Fair

The San Francisco VA Medical Center will host a Community Health Fair, 8 a.m.-noon, April 9. The Health Fair is free to all interested persons. There will be a nominal charge if a participant wants to have a blood work-up completed.

This health Fair will provide information and basic medical screening. Screening will include dental evaluation, blood pressure checks, lung function testing, vision testing and evaluation for foot problems. Other areas of special focus include diabetes, heart and blood vessel disease, cancer, mental health, nutrition, HIV disease, and healthy aging.

The Community Health Fair will be held at San Francisco VA Medical Center, Admissions Area, 4150 Clement Street at 42nd Ave., San Francisco. The MUNI 38 Geary to Ft. Miley comes right to the front door.

For information, call Melinda Murphy at **(415) 750-2250**.

Bicycle safety checkpoint

There will be a bicycle safety checkpoint tomorrow at the intersection of Mason & Halleck. Military police will be on hand to answer questions and distribute safety information.

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Civilian women remember Vietnam service

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

The Vietnam War seared a generation of Americans.

Women were not exempt. Among the more than 285,000 American women who served in the war, between 300 and 600 worked for Army Special Services.

These women served one-year tours -- many extended -- running libraries, craft shops and service clubs. Special Services women often worked alongside Red Cross "Donut Dollies" and USO volunteers. For soldiers in sites USO shows couldn't reach for security reasons, Special Services workers developed Command Military Touring Shows, where talented soldiers entertained their fellow troops.

According to a newsletter article, Ann Kelsey, a Special Services librarian from 1969 to 1970, wrote they "worked long hours in monsoon mud and dusty heat. They endured rocket attacks, mortar barrages and commando raids -- sometimes spending nights in sandbagged, rat-infested bunkers, occasionally composing songs to keep up their spirits."

About 100 came to Washington Nov. 10, 1993, to attend a memorial service for 55 American civilian women who died in Vietnam. They held a reunion and shared memories. Here are a few of their stories:

Susan Conklin, director of recreational programs and evaluation for the Navy Department, got her start in the field working for Army Special Services in Vietnam right after college.

When 21-year-old Susan Conklin landed at Vietnam's Tan Son Nhut Air Base in early February 1968, a beautiful display of fireworks lit up the sky.

"I thought, 'How nice -- fireworks for me!'" she recalled. "Then one of the guys shouted, 'Hit the deck!' Our plane shook, and the lights went out.

"I didn't know what a deck was, but at that point I realized the 'fireworks' were not a happy Fourth of July-type display, but were literally 'bombs bursting in air.' We'd landed during the Tet offensive. The Viet Cong had hit an ammo dump, and that caused most of the fireworks."

Thirteen other young American civilian women were on the plane with Conklin. The rest were soldiers and Marines. Conklin's plane had only been grazed; no one was injured.

"Still," she said, "if they'd given me the chance to go home that night, I would have."

Instead, she went with the other women to the Presidential Hotel in Saigon. "We stayed there for a week -- we could hear gunfire and explosions all night and day. I had been a sheltered sorority girl at the University of Colorado, so this was all new to me. Finally, I was sent to my first assignment, Cam Rahn Bay Air Base."

Conklin spent three months there at the Red Cross Recreation Center, where troops could get musical instruments and have jam sessions.

"We drew fire a lot," Conklin said. "Our club was bombed. The fact that it was painted orange probably didn't help! Fortunately, no one was in it at the time.

"We tried to do whatever we could to make the guys feel less homesick. I had a radio show, signed on 'Good Morning, Vietnam!'

"We were supposed to wear helmets when we were outside like the guys, but I just wore my helmet liner. I dyed it lime green with dye sent by Mom and put pink flowers on it. I dyed my flak jacket to match. I wanted to look cheerful.

"Then I moved to Lai Kai with the 1st Infantry Division -- the Big Red One. There were no clubs in the 'boonies,' so we'd travel by chopper, jeep or on foot. We'd bring paperback books, magazines and our traveling game packs. We had to make most of the games ourselves.

"Sometimes we'd bring ice cream -- even packed in dry ice it would be almost melted in the jungle heat, but the idea was to bring a little bit of home. We'd bring other things in to make life a little more pleasant -- dry socks were popular items for men in the swampy Mekong Delta. We'd make circuits. If I came back and didn't see one of the guys I remembered from before, I knew better than to ask where he was.

"Perhaps that was the hardest part. We were supposed to smile all the time, no matter how we felt. Sometimes my face ached. But I don't think I'll ever need a facelift. I'm in the habit of smiling now."

Susan Bradshaw is installation development manager with the Department of the Army.

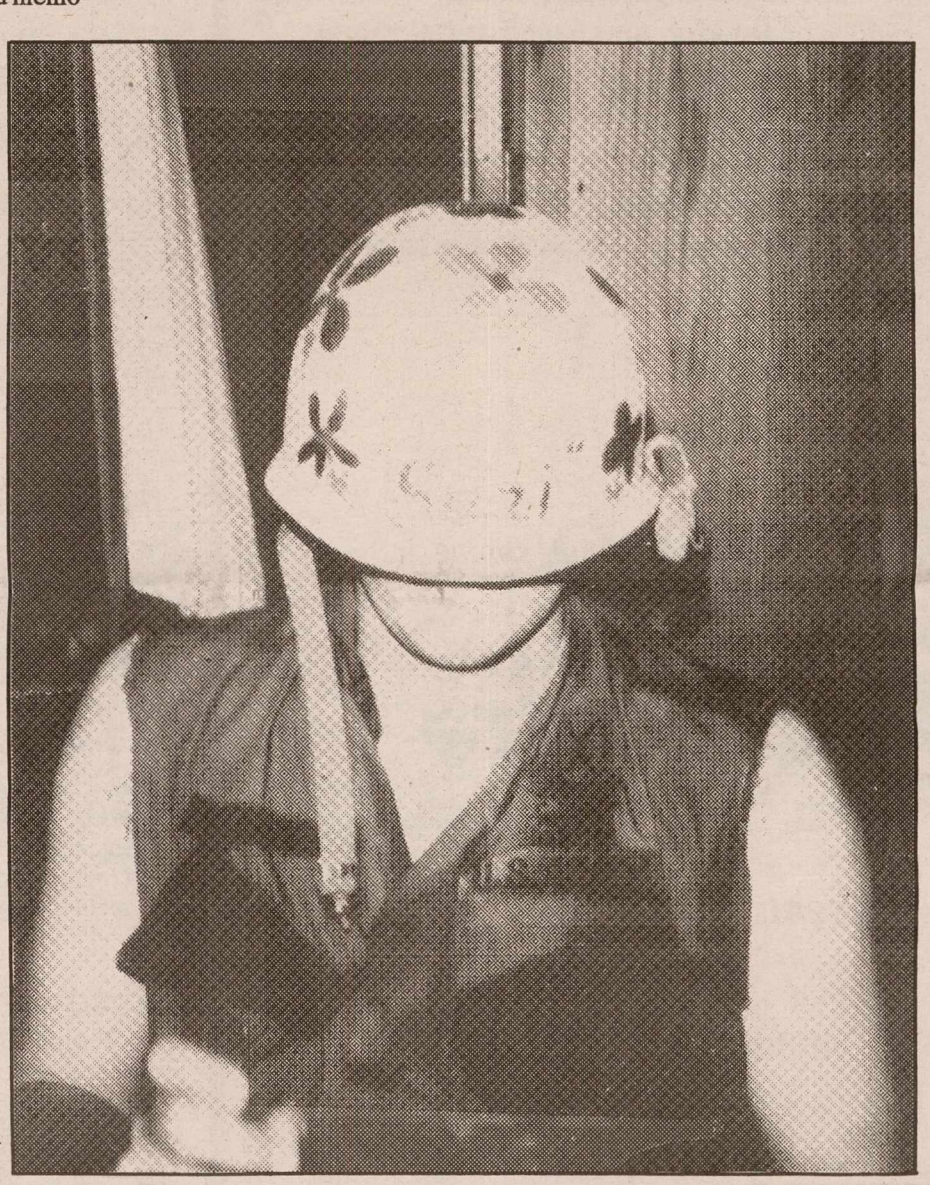
In her job, she finds new uses for spaces vacated by organizations that have moved or downsized as part of the drawdown, among other things. She said working for Army Special Services in Vietnam helped her develop these skills.

"I was area director for II Corps clubs," said Bradshaw. "We had a hard time moving recreational equipment and furniture. The Army gave us some nice rattan furniture to make the club in Pleiku look more homey. The problem: it was my job to get it from Saigon to Pleiku -- quite a distance. I talked to the G-4s (transportation people) and one of them, nicknamed Sgt. Bilko, told me it was no problem. 'Just get to Saigon, have the stuff crated and on the airstrip at 0600,' he told me.

"I was on the airstrip at the appointed time when an unmarked plane landed and a Chinese crew with no uniforms jumped out and quickly loaded the cargo. We got to Pleiku, they unloaded the cargo and took off. I later learned they worked for the CIA, but I never learned how Sgt. Bilko made the arrangements, and I never asked."

Bradshaw worked for Army Special Services in Korea in 1967, then worked in Vietnam from 1969 to 1973.

"Why did I stay so long? I have very positive feelings about that time. I had a lot of responsibility. I got to travel and see things few young American women would see. And the people were special, the soldiers really cared about each other and about us. I will never regret going there."



American Forces Information Service

A soldier models the flowered helmet liner of Army Special Services worker Susan Conklin in the Red Cross Club at Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam, in 1968.

Cathleen Cordova is a community service officer with the Pleasanton, Calif., police department. She worked with Army Special Services for 16 months in Tay Ninh, DiAn and Vinh Long, Vietnam, from 1968 to 1969. Cordova organized the 1993 Veterans Day Washington reunion for Army Special Services, Red Cross and USO women.

"My time in Vietnam was both the best and the worst time in my life," said Cordova. "It was certainly the most intense.

"My first assignment was at the Free World Service Club in Tay Ninh. Then I went down to DiAn and Vinh Long in the Mekong Delta area, where I was promoted to club manager. We were supposed to be on one-year tours, but I was there 16 months because they said they didn't have a replacement for me.

"I wouldn't trade that time for anything. I loved most of my work. But I hated one of my 'other duties as assigned' -- searching female POWs. I can still see the frightened eyes of one old lady who was suspected of helping the Viet Cong.

"I enjoyed going to orphanages. The American troops would adopt a nearby orphanage, and I'd go out with the medical team. The medics would check the kids' teeth, do first aid and identify the ones who needed to come back to base for more care. We'd bring fresh fruit for the kids, which they didn't get often. At first, we'd give it to the orphanage director. Then we found out they were selling it, so we'd cut up oranges and apples and give them to the kids while we were there.

"I also liked helping with USO shows. I really admired (entertainer) Martha Raye. She had a lot of guts and went wherever she was needed. She had to spend the night on the fire base a couple of times when they couldn't get her out after the show.

"People cared so much about each other. We got to know each other quickly and felt like family. The guys were really protective of us as American women, and I appreciated that.

"We were given no orientation -- it was strictly on-the-job training. But I ran the club, made sure we had the supplies we needed, did the budget and everything. We all had so much responsibility. It was tough when I came back to the states and was expected to just look cute and make coffee in my job. I was going to graduate school when I returned, but that seemed frivolous, so I went to Korea and served two years with Army Special Services. I'm glad I did that, because I needed that time to be with military people to whom I could relate, but without having to deal with the pain of war around me.

"I have been looking for challenge in my life ever since Vietnam," Cordova said. "I think that's why I signed up to serve with the police reserve when I lived in New York City for 12 years."

Cordova became involved with Vietnam veterans groups in 1983. "There was no public support for Vietnam veterans when I came back, so I suppressed my memories. Then, someone approached me to join a group. At first, I resisted -- I was afraid of unleashing a flood of memories. Then, I joined a group of women who had served in Vietnam -- we networked on issues such as Agent Orange, post traumatic stress disorder, the POW/MIA issue."

Shortly after that, Cordova joined the Vietnam Veterans of America and plunged into veterans activities. She had her letters published in *Dear America, Letters Home from Vietnam*; had some of them engraved on the New York City Vietnam Veterans Monument in Manhattan; and in 1987 contributed to an Emmy Award-winning HBO documentary based on the book.

When she moved to the San Francisco area in 1990, she immediately joined the local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America and started the chapter's speakers bureau. She also became Northern California Coordinator for the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project in Washington. Sure the memorial would meet its Veterans Day 1993 dedication deadline, she began planning a reunion for women like herself, civilians who had served in Vietnam.

She also helped former Red Cross worker Jolynne Strang with her efforts to honor American civilian women who died in Vietnam. Strang and Cordova formed a group called "Circle of Sisters -- Circle of Friends" to sponsor a memorial service at the women's memorial.

Cordova said organizing the reunion was one of the toughest jobs she'd ever done. The Army Locator told her she'd have to provide the names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers of those she was seeking, which of course she didn't have.

"It took me took me two years to locate the 100 women on my list -- I had to get them one name at a time." It was a hard sell to get some of the women to come to the reunion because they felt left out of the Goodacre statue, which portrays only military women, Cordova said. Others were afraid of opening old wounds.

"But since the reunion, I've received letters thanking me for encouraging them to show up. We need to do this for ourselves. All of this has been healing for me.

"If you asked me 10 years ago if I'd go to Vietnam during the war if I could live my life over again, I would have said no," she said. "But today I know better. I know we were needed and appreciated by those we went to help. If I had it to do over again, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

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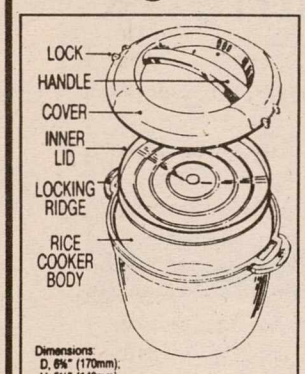

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Job Placement Office success story

Presidio employee finds new position in Alameda

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
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The Presidio Job Placement Office can chalk up another victory in the struggle for new employment.

Christine Cooper, program director, Presidio Child Care Center, has been selected to take over as the director of the U.S. Coast Guard's child care facility in Alameda, Calif.

"I'm going to really miss the children in the infants' room here. I like the infants most of all," she said.

Cooper said the Job Placement Office's M.J. Helgerson and Juanita Whitehead sent out job announcements that included the director's position in Alameda. Cooper express-mailed her résumé to the employer just prior to the Feb. 7 deadline and was selected for an interview.

"The interview lasted an hour and a half. They called me the next day and offered me the job," Cooper said. She will begin working at her new job April 4.

Cooper said she had been looking for a new job for six months prior and had been turned down for a lesser position in Oakland.

"I guess *that* job wasn't for me, anyway," she said.

Cooper also learned the value of keeping her résumé and SF 171 (standard government form) updated. Job seekers can receive help with résumé preparation and use the online services to look for jobs.

"I hadn't updated my résumé or my SF 171. I recommend others check out the vacancy announcements, and visit the Civilian Personnel Office and the Job Placement Office," Cooper said.

"We understand the tediousness of the job search. Taking a serious approach can pay off," Whitehead said. "We encourage you to take advantage of what the Job Placement Office has to offer."

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Christine Cooper entertains Joffrie Hopkins and Shannon Winterhalter in the Infants Room of the Presidio Child Care Center.

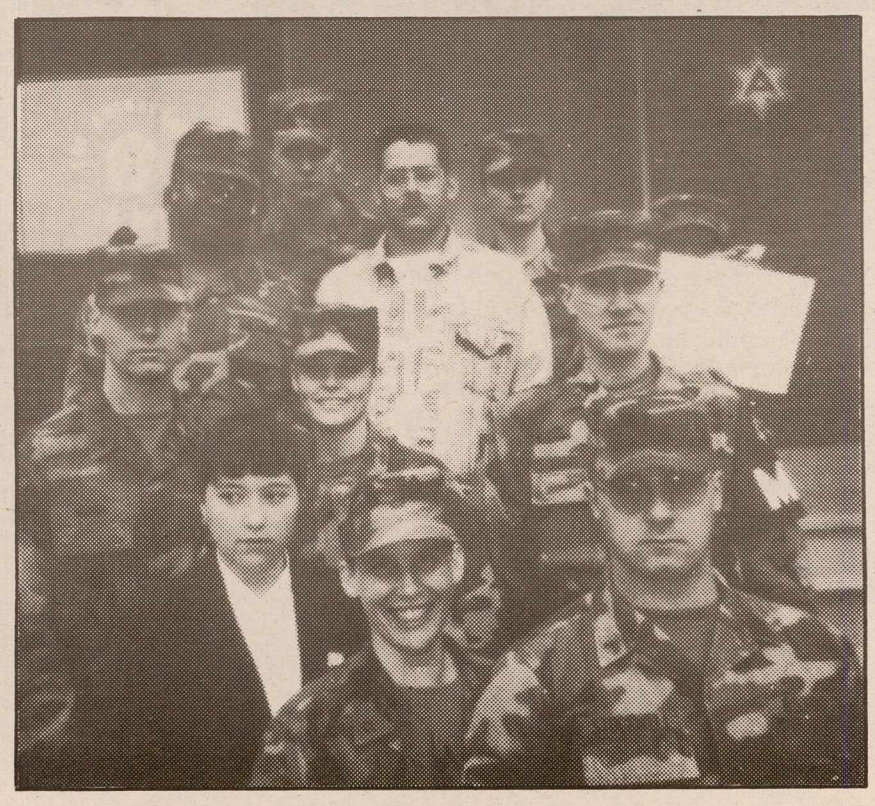
Assist, Protect, Defend

Congratulations are in order for some of the men and women who protect our community.

Right, Law Enforcement Company's Christopher N. Shaw and Brandee A. Libby were promoted to private first class March 11.

Bottom right, the 11 MPs pictured were among the 24 soldiers who received the drivers badge with the W wheeled device for accident and violation free driving. Pictured are: Front row, Spc. Theresa B. Maile, Pfc. Sabrina A. Shannon and Cpl. Charles Stockwell; second row, sergeants Richard W. Vater, Betsy J. Bibb and James A. Scott; third row, Sgt. Wilbert Singletary, Spc. Kenton A. Sallee and Staff Sgt. Marian E. Anderson; and back row, Spc. Daniel M. Sewich and Sgt. Gretchen Battafarano.

Below, MPs Connie L. Wagner, Jeremy D. Martin and Mehri Bradford were promoted to private first class March 1 for exceptional duty performance.



More Outstanding Presidians

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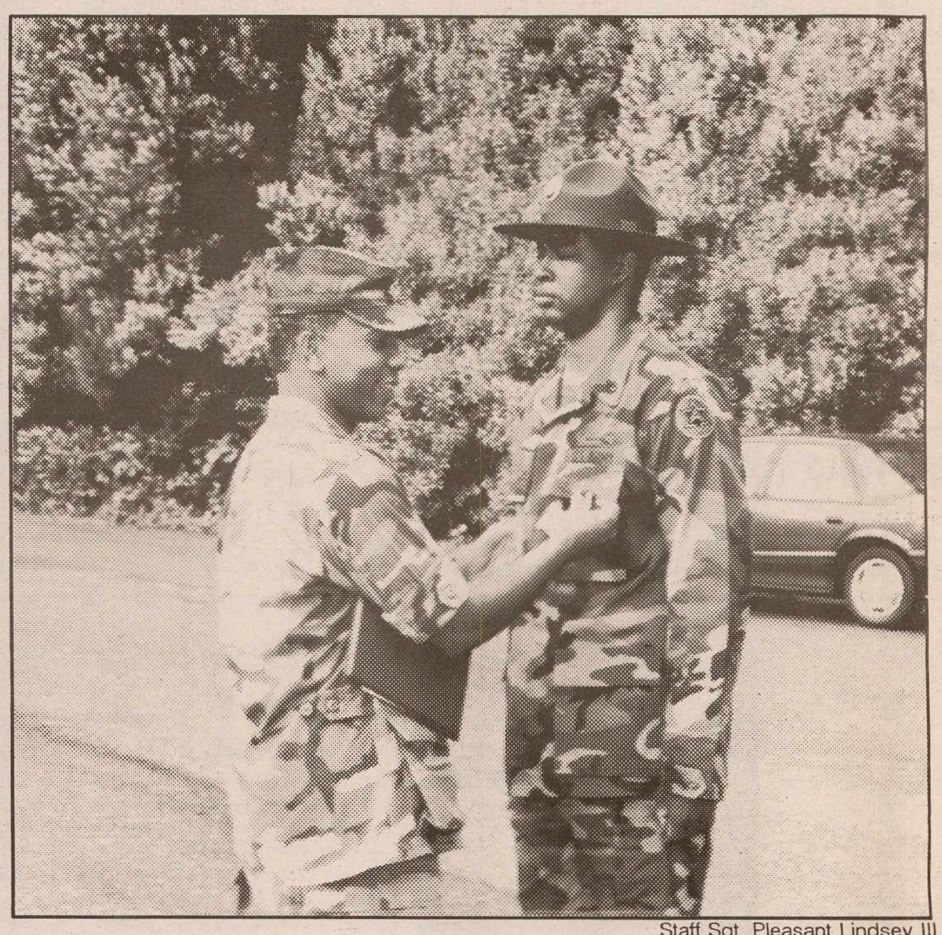
Spc. Edward D. Finnerty, from the 7th Psychological Operations Group located in Building 1750, presents a photo display including a shot of the cable car turnaround on Powell Street and a photo of Ghirardelli Square to Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco March 18. Finnerty, who works in the post's Furniture Store, designed it himself and said, "It was just something I wanted to do."



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Staff Sgt. Tony Allen receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Capt. Tracy Sharpe, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, March 16. Allen recently completed training for drill instructors at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and will be moving soon to his new job as a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson, S.C.

.Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Susan Mulhern, Presidio Child Care Center, received her commission as an ensign in the Navy Reserve recently. Mulhern is assigned to Personnel Mobilization 2820, Naval Air Station Alameda, Calif.

Mulhern joined the Navy Reserve in March, 1993 as a petty officer second class (E5) and gained her commission in less than a year. Previously, she spent 12 years in the Army, including service as an active duty, reserve and National Guard soldier.

"When I came to California, I found that the state didn't have a slot available for me, so I joined the Navy Reserve," Mulhern said.

TSC photo by Charles Blancet

Staff Sgt. Mark Metzler receives a Commander's Certificate and a Commander's Coin from Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr. March 16 for rescuing a family from their home near the post. While driving home Feb. 23, Metzler and his wife noticed the third floor of a house was burning and discovered a woman and her son were eating breakfast on the first floor, oblivious to their situation. The woman sent a letter to Gen. Mallory praising Metzler and his wife for their actions.

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Babysitter training

There will be a babysitting training class for family members, 13 years and over, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday in the Youth Services Building. Training will cover CPR, first aid and child abuse prevention and will feature videos of child care techniques. Young people interested in registering in the babysitting referral program are required to complete this training. Parental permission forms may be obtained at Youth Services. To register for training, call Mary Ann Gianquento, Family Child Care Director, at **561-6372**.

Framing sale

Giant framing sale!! Twenty percent off all supplies and custom labor fees, noon to 4 p.m., tomorrow only. The Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 122, is located on the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Riley Street. Call **561-ARTS** for information.

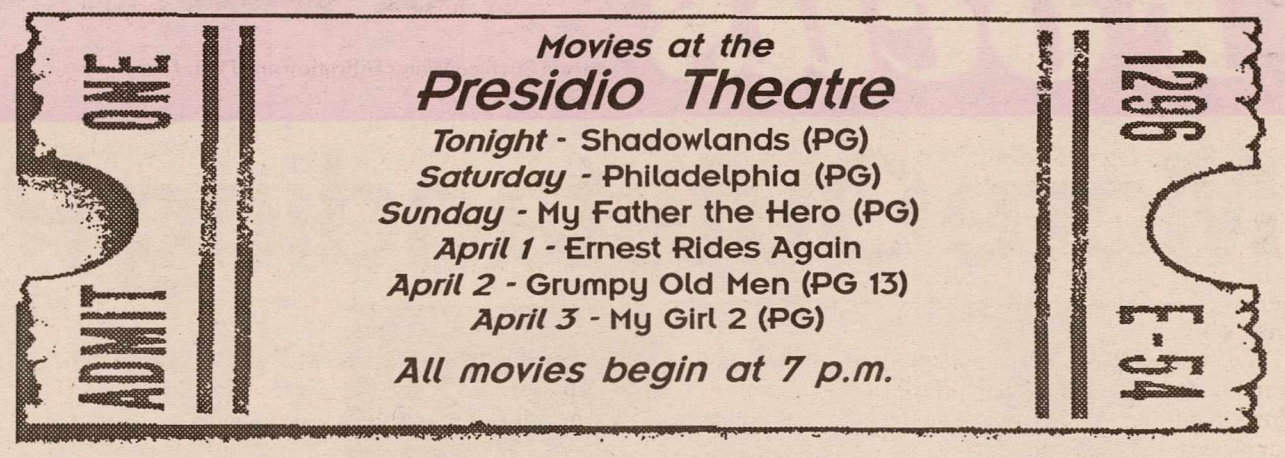
Lent, Easter events

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY -- Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m., Tuesday; Holy Thursday Mass, 5 p.m., Thursday; Good Friday Service, 7 p.m., April 1; Holy Saturday Vigil, 7 p.m., April 2; Easter Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

MAIN POST CHAPEL -- Good Friday Service, noon, April 1; Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., April 3. Free breakfast will follow at the Golden Gate Community Club.

Nomination request

The Civilian Personnel Office requests nominations for Outstanding Army Employee of the Year With a Disability. The Secretary of the Army will honor the awardee in a ceremony in October. CPO must receive nominations no later than April 18. For information, contact Glenda Plyman at **561-3779**.



Retirement, farewell dinner

Join in the food, drink and tall tales at a retirement and farewell dinner for Maj. and Mrs. John Fowler. Dinner is at 7 p.m., March 30, at the Presidio Officers' Club (no-host). The retirement ceremony is at 3:45 p.m., March 31, at Pershing Square. RSVP to **(415) 561-3798**.

Voting Assistance Officers

Here again are your unit voting assistance officers: Readiness Group Presidio, Sgt. 1st Class Shields, **561-4281**; Sixth U.S. Army, Sgt. 1st Class Diosomito, **561-5800**; Headquarters Command Battalion/Headquarters Commandant, Staff Sgt. Armon, **561-6209**; Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Staff Sgt. Richards, **561-5195**; Law Enforcement Company, Staff Sgt. Sinclair, **561-2251/2252**; Sixth U.S. Army Band, Staff Sgt. Onque, **561-2625**; Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, First Sgt. Hansen, **561-3667**.

ROA Meeting

Bay Area Chapters of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) will meet to jointly install new officers at the Presidio Officers' Club April 8. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30, and installation at 8:30. Make checks payable to Dorothy Beers, 1150 Union Street, #902, San Francisco, Calif. 94101, by April 4. Indicate chapter number and entree choice: broiled half spring chicken, $16.50, or filet of red snapper, $17.50. Attire is winter mess dress or equivalent.

TRICARE Update

Attention all TRICARE Prime enrollees! If you do not receive your enrollment card in the mail by April 8, contact the Patient Service Center at Letterman. They are located in Room 215, or you can phone **561-4509/4923**.

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Spring cleanup, water outages slated on post

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Space constraints last week prevented me from including the three-day menu that could be created with the emergency food kit. Here is the information:

Day 1: **Breakfast**, two granola bars, hot chocolate; **Lunch**, one stick beef jerky, apple cider drink; **Dinner**, beef stew, one package crackers; **Snack**, three pieces candy, three sticks gum.

Day 2: **Breakfast**, hot chocolate, half of trail mix; **Lunch**, one stick beef jerky, fruit roll, apple cider drink; **Dinner**, one package soup, one package crackers; **Snack**; four pieces candy, three sticks gum.

Day 3: **Breakfast**, one can apple juice, half of trail mix; **Lunch**, one package soup; **Dinner**, two granola bars, one fruit roll; **Snack**, four pieces candy, four sticks gum.

Bay Pacific Pipeline is continuing to backfill and landscape all the areas where their work has been completed.

It's that time of the year again. Our annual spring cleanup is scheduled for April 4-22. Your area coordinator will be responsible for overseeing the cleanup of your housing area. In addition, all tenant commanders will release each soldier for four hours during the afternoon on which his or her housing area is scheduled for cleanup. Cleanup schedule is as follows:

April 18: 1-100, 300, 1500, 1700 areas. **April 19**: 400, 500, 800, 1200 areas. **April 20**: 900, 1000 areas. **April 21**: 1300, 1400 areas. **April 22**: 500, 600 and 800 areas (Fort Baker), 700 area (Presidio). Cleanup period is 12:30-4:30 p.m.

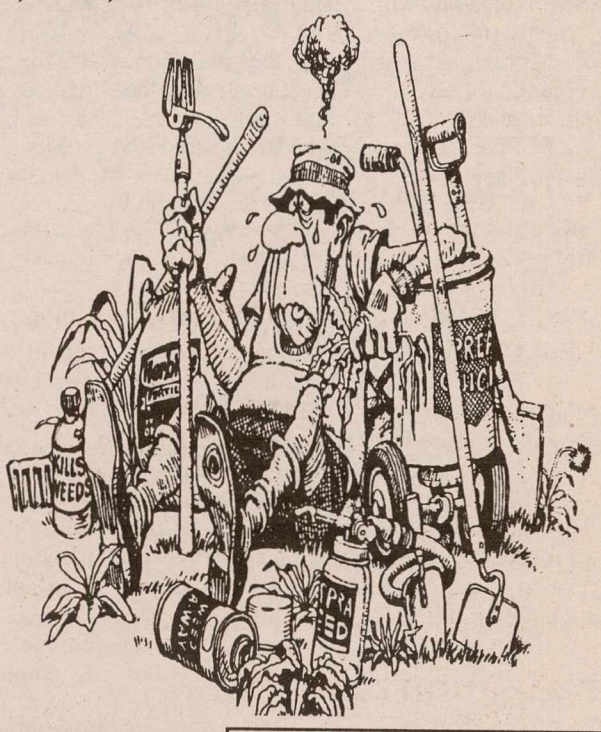
On a final note, the Presidio of San Francisco has initiated public notification of the post's status under the California Surface Water Filtration and Disinfection Treatment Regulations. The regulations require that certain filtration standards be met for water supplies. This notification to all water consumers is being published to conform with the State of California Department of Health Services regulations. Recent changes now require additional treatment of surface water or public notification that changes haven't been completed.

The Presidio drinking water remains safe, of excellent quality, and satisfactory in all respects. The water is routinely tested in accordance with all existing regulations. The Department of Health Services requires the Presidio to make the following informational statement to its customers:

The State of California Department of Health Services sets drinking water standards and has determined the presence of microbiological contaminants are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. If water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in that water may cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but may also be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The DHS has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes or destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet DHS requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.

Please contact the Environmental Office at **561-3024** if there are any questions arising from this statement or other concerns about the Presidio's water. The Presidio will continue to give notice in this paper every three months until the Presidio Water Treatment Plant is in compliance with the SWTR.

The post is following the requirements of the SWTR regulations, Section 64666(b), Chapter 17, Title 22, California Code of Regulations; and Section 64464.3, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR.



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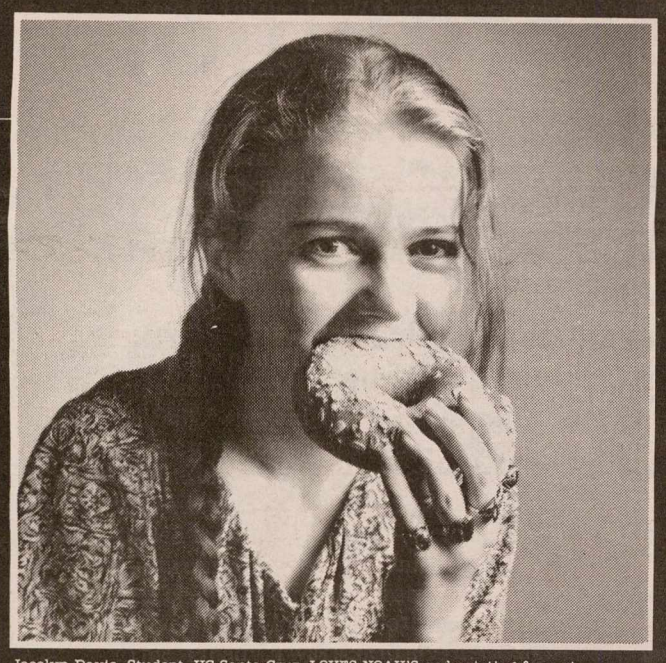

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All-Army Basketball Team stopped in tourney finale

The All-Army Basketball Team was stopped in its bid to repeat as Armed Forces Tournament Champions Sunday by the Marines, who won their first ever tournament by defeating the Army 92-81.

Although the Army kept the game close in the first half, the Marines controlled the boards and ran away with it in the second half. Five team members and the head coach were later named to the Armed Forces Team.

The Army's loss came after the team had split a couple of games with the Corps to get to the tournament's final round.

The Marines' Robert Price opened the first half scoring with a layup but Army's Eric McLaughlin quickly countered with a 3-point shot to give Army control, 3-2. By the 16 minute mark, the Marines' Price traded shots with Army's Mario Claytor, Carl O. Curry filled the lane for two points and McLaughlin went coast to coast to add to more and give Army the lead, 14-10. this looked like the Army team that planned on using its quickness to run away with the championship.

It was not to be.

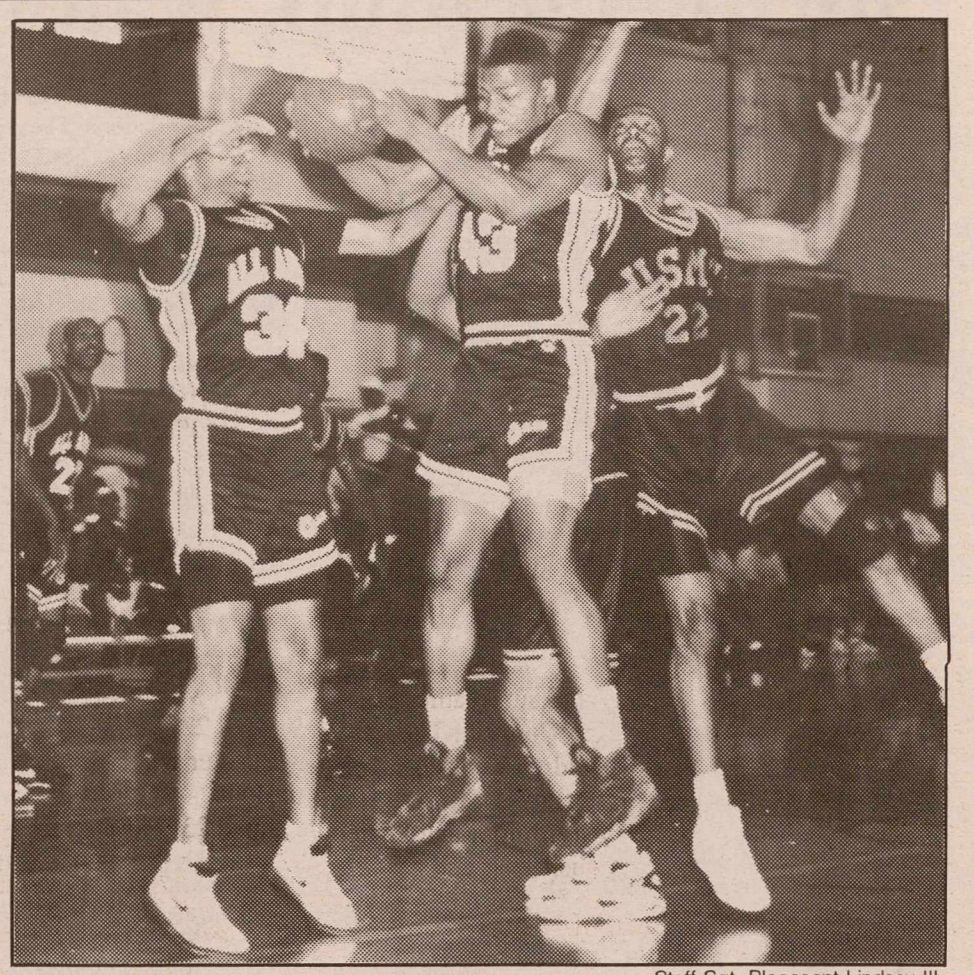
With 10:15 left in the half the Marines made a seven-point run, took control of the offensive boards and forced the Army to struggle to keep up. The Army managed to tie the game with six minutes remaining, but the Marines used accurate shooting and passing to keep the Army's outside shooting and overall speed advantage to a minimum.

In the second half, the Corps' Timothy Wilson and Dave Evans controlled the flow of the game and the Marines never gave up the lead.

McLaughlin led the Army with 28 points, including four free throws and four 3-pointers. Curry added 22 points.

Although all four military branches provided teams, the Army didn't play the Navy because the seamen lost their first two games and were eliminated. The Army opened the tournament March 18 by beating the Air Force 108-104 and beat them again Saturday, 106-101.

The Army split with the Marines during the elimination rounds by losing to them on Saturday 104-102, then beating them on Sunday, 122-103. After the tournament, Claytor, Larry Coates, Curry, Anthony Gardner and McLaughlin were named to the U.S. Armed Forces Team which will compete in the World Military Basketball Championship from May 28 to June 14 in Korea. All-Army Coach Timothy Spikes was named as one of the coaches to this team.



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All-Army Basketball's Marvin E. Phillips hauls down an offensive rebound in the first half of the Armed Forces Championship finale March 21 at Naval Air Station Alameda, Calif.

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Vet Services clinic information

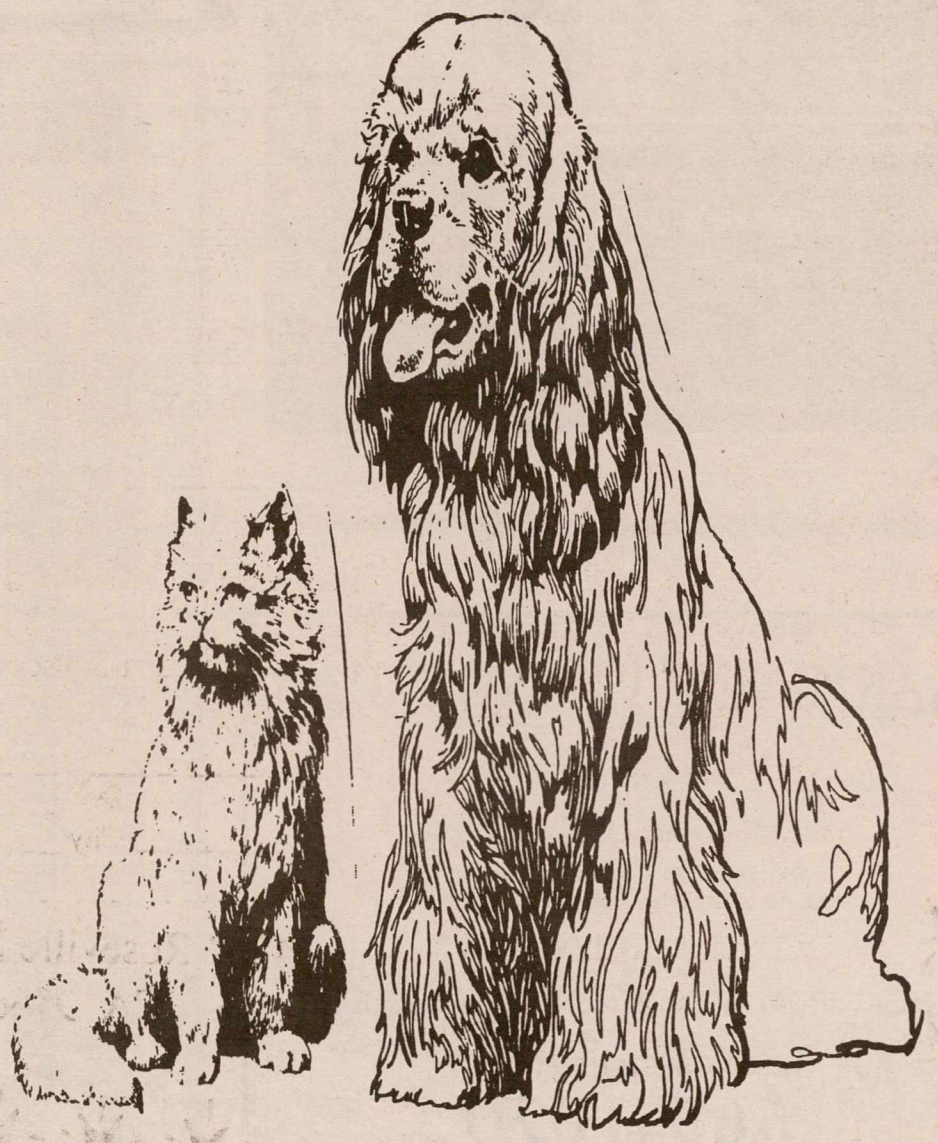
Presidio Veterinary Service has changed locations! The Veterinary Service will be moving from Bldg. 666, McDowell Road, to Bldg. 572, next to Military Public Health on Ruger Street at Sherman Road. Travis Branch, U.S. Army Medical Activity Fort Irwin (Travis Air Force Base, Calif.) will continue to provide limited veterinary services to the Presidio. Twice a month, the first and third Wednesdays, the Veterinary Clinic will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The next clinic will be April 6.

In order to make an appointment, you need to sign up on the sheet outside the door on Bldg. 572. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments take precedence. The Veterinary Clinic will only be available for routine vaccinations, dewormings, heartworm tests and feline leukemia tests. Also, over-the-counter products and heartworm medications will be dispensed. Unfortunately, since this is a remote clinic for Travis Branch, sick calls will not be treated. Since the vets travel, only limited inventory and equipment can be brought to the site. The Travis veterinarians recommend that everyone have a civilian veterinarian for sick calls or emergencies.

In addition to regular clinics at Travis Air Force Base, the Travis Branch runs limited veterinary clinics at Alameda Naval Air Station (second Wednesday of the month), Treasure Island Naval Station (quarterly), and the Petaluma U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (semi-annually). Appointments for the Alameda Clinic may be made through the Travis Air Force Base office at (707) 424-3010 or DSN 837-3010. Walk-ins are accepted at all remote clinics.

If you have any questions concerning veterinary services and the various remote clinics operated by Travis Branch Veterinary Services, call (707) 424-3010 or DSN 837-3010, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Since there is only one person in the office, the answering machine may pick up. Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. The Travis vets look forward to serving you and your pets!

(Information provided by Travis Air Force Base Veterinary Services)



Month of the Military Child post activities

Here is the schedule of events for "Month of the Military Child," April 1-29.

April 1-29: **Diaper Contest**. Guess the number of diapers that are changed at the Child Care Center during this time frame. The winner will be announced May 2.

April 2, 9, 16, 30: **Family Film Festival**. Each Saturday, from 1-3 p.m., the Youth Center will show a Disney film for the whole family to enjoy. Kids under 6 years require parental supervision. The movies are free.

April 4: **Baseball Cap Day**. Wear your favorite baseball cap or display your favorite team.

April 6: **Safety Training**. This is a training workshop for parents and staff of the Child Care Center. **Weather School**: Janice Huff from Channel 4 will broadcast live from the Child Care/Youth Center. She will be setting up at 4 p.m. and broadcasting from 5-6 p.m. She will also hand out weather packets for kids. **Sixth Army Band Concert**: The band will perform a medley of children's music at the Child Care Center.

April 10: **Children's Sunday**. Junior and Senior high school children will be ushering and reading from the Bible at the Presidio Protestant Chapel's 10:30 a.m. service.

April 11-15: **Children's Art Show**. A special showing of various art will be on display in the Child Care Center.

April 13: **Western Day**. The Child Care Center is having a barbecue lunch for child care staff and kids. **Kindergarten Child Safety**: This is a training workshop for parents, staff and kids in the center.

April 14: **School Age Child Safety**. This is a training workshop for parents, staff and children in the center. **Family Child Care Parent-Child Play Day**: 1539 Pershing, 9-11 a.m.

April 15: **Share a Snack with Mom or Dad**. The children in the day care center will prepare a snack for their mom or dad.

April 20: **Children's Pet Show**. The kids in the center will bring their favorite stuffed animal to share.

April 21: **Sweatshirt Day at the Center**. The staff in the Child Care Center will be wearing their new DPCA sweatshirts.

April 22: **Flannel Board Story Hour**. The staff in the center will host a special one-hour story time for the kids.

April 23: **Kinder Fest - The Main Event**. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Events celebrating the Month of the Military Child will include:

McGruff the Crime Dog -- McGruff will be on hand to fingerprint and ID children and give special tips on how to fight crime.

Obstacle Course -- The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are joining forces to build an obstacle bridge.

Karate Demonstration -- The Karate Class from the Youth Center will show their talent in the Youth Center parking lot.

Teen Dance -- The Youth Center will hold a dance from 7 p.m. - midnight.

Food -- Youth Services and Child Development Center will be selling hot dogs and popcorn.

Information Booths -- Youth Services, Family Child Care, Family Advocacy and the Park Service will have displays and brochures on their services and programs.

April 28: **Fire Extinguisher Use**. Fireman Fred will do safety training for the kids and staff from Youth Services and Child Development Services.

April 29: **Month of the Military Child: The Movie**. All activities for the 1994 Month of the Military Child will be recorded. The movie will be shown throughout the day in the Center lobby.

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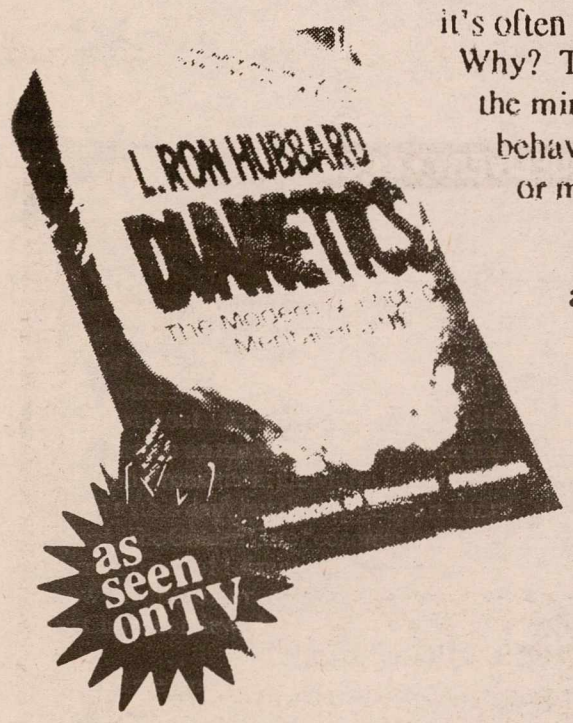
- ☐ *You find yourself continually attracted to people who just aren't good for you.*
- ☐ *You have the same argument over and over with your spouse or partner.*
- ☐ *You have an unexplained urge to break off a relationship just when it's going well.*
- ☐ *You have observed a repeated pattern of broken relationships.*



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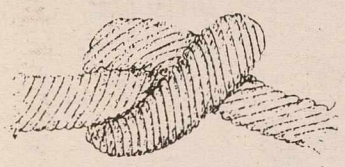

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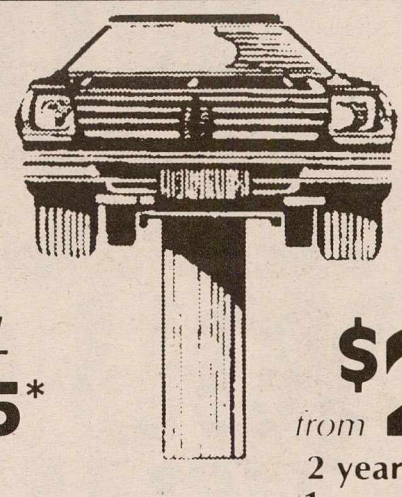

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Sharon E. Everett-Roles

Kevin Agness (above) works on an archeological site for his Eagle Scout project. So far, Agness and his assistants have found roof tiles, melted adobe, and galera pottery. Helping Agness on the dig in front of Bldg. 39 are Robyn Talman, Britany King, Ray King, Randy O'Briant, Chris Miller, Josh Dolinger, and Joel Dolinger.

Hail!

New Provost Marshal named

By Tiffany Case
Special to the Star Presidian

With yesterday's retirement of Provost Marshal Maj. John Fowler, many Presidians are wondering who will serve as the post's chief of police.

Worry not -- the man has been chosen. He is Connery. Sean Connery.

A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, Connery was selected for the position because of his familiarity with special weapons systems (the "Little Nellie" jet-pack comes to mind), specially modified automobiles, and close, hand-to-hand combat, according to CIA operative Felix Leiter. Leiter also spoke highly of Connery's tact and diplomacy in foreign relations.

Inside sources reveal that an Aston-Martin DB5 is being modified for Connery's use. Weapons systems will include a flame thrower, machine gun, smoke canisters and more.

Connery's additional qualifications to serve as Provost Marshal include knowing his way around Quarters 56 (Fowler's former residence), experience in multi-jurisdictional investigations with the San Francisco Police Department, Central Intelligence Agency, Britain's MI5, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Connery also has a complete set of uniforms that fit, and is an avid golfer.

In addition to his past work on the Presidio of San Francisco, Connery has worked with the Army to prevent a robbery at Fort Knox. **(April fool!)**

Boss Night News

By Eleanor Rigby
Special to the Star Presidian

The next Boss' Night at the Golden Gate Community Club promises to be very special.

In addition to the usual delicious dinner and good fellowship, there will be special entertainment.

You've read the rumors in the newspaper about a Beatles reunion, with Julian Lennon sitting in for his famous father. Well, it's true -- the Fab Four are back and better than ever. The new Beatles will perform for the first time at the Golden Gate Club.

Get to Boss' Night early for a good seat. Drive your car. Come in through the bathroom window. If you'll be out of town, get back.

If you want more information about this special performance, contact Sgt. Pepper. **(Again, April fool!)**

Commentary

Driving myself mad

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

I have finally discovered something that most people learn at 16 years of age.

Getting your driver's license is stressful!

Learning to drive is difficult enough. You have to learn all sorts of laws, rules and regulations, like the number of days you have to transfer car registration. Then you stand in a long line and take this big test.

After you take the test, you get in another long line to have your vision checked (I have a restriction that says I must wear my glasses to drive) and to get your permit.

Learning to drive at 30 years of age is a little more taxing. In addition to all of the above, you have to endure the questions about "Why did you wait so long?" or "What do you mean you can get around fine on the bus?"

I could go into all of the reasons I waited, like the driving phobia caused by my mother's shrieks when I was 17 years old. But, it would take too long, bore you, and embarrass my mom.

After driving around the Presidio for a couple of months, mastering such goodies as parallel parking (still not too good at that), reverse, and lane changes, I felt pretty confident. A very brave friend volunteered to make a long freeway trip with me, and we headed for Monterey. In the middle of a rainstorm.

Obviously, this was not my idea of perfect conditions. However, I managed to do all of the driving except for the last 20 minutes or so. No kidding. By that time, I had driven for nearly five hours total, and was exhausted and stressed out.

Oh -- I also discovered something else about myself on that trip. I had always sworn that I would be a calm driver. There's no need to get excited or yell at other drivers, right? WRONG! I became convinced I was *the only person on the* planet who knew how to operate a motor vehicle.

So, I returned to the Presidio and continued puttering around until I felt ready to take the practical driving test. I decided to go to the Corte Madera DMV; I had heard they were a little nicer than the average when it came to dealing with people.

It was pouring down rain the day I went to take my test. My car looked a little bedraggled, with mud splatters and so on. Was that a problem? I didn't know what to expect.

The woman who proctored my exam was very nice. She inspected my car to make sure that signals, etc., were in working order. Then came the difficult part.

"Show me your hand signals, please."

?????

From somewhere in the depths of my mind, I managed to dredge up the memory. So far, so good.

"Okay, let's pull out into traffic."

I won't pretend I wasn't a nervous wreck; that would be a big lie. I hoped that things would go all right, but I had absolutely no idea what to expect.

"Change lanes, please."

"Turn left here, please."

Very polite, this lady. I was beginning to feel much more comfortable.

It turned out that I did only one thing wrong: I stopped at a four-way intersection for which I had the right of way.

When we got back to the DMV, I parked the car and was given my score sheet.

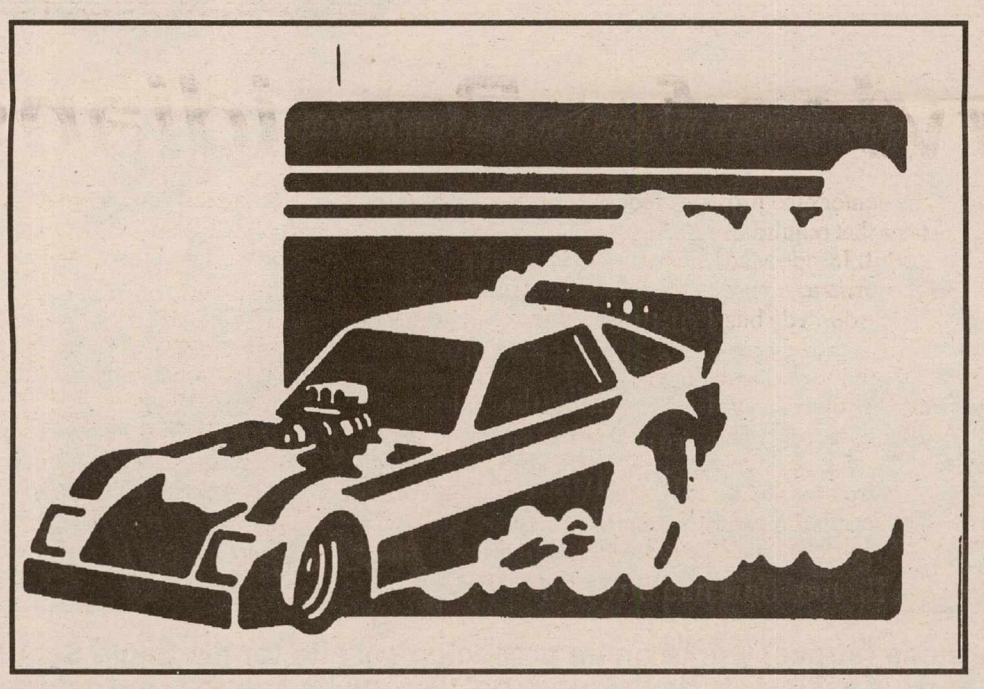
"I only marked you down for one thing," the DMV lady said. "It was that stop."

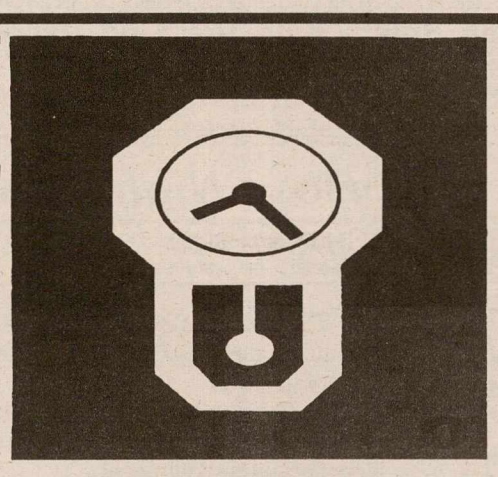
"Does that mean I got it?" I asked in amazement.

"With a score of 97 out of 100 it would be a shame if you didn't!"

I went inside, gave them my thumbprint, stood on the toe marks, and got my temporary license. The real one should be in the mail any day now.

But is the stress of driving ever really over? I went to pick up a friend at the Embarcadero BART station and discovered that it had only just begun. I was driving down Bay Street on my way to the Embarcadero and . . . oh well, that's another story.





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Ask Presidians

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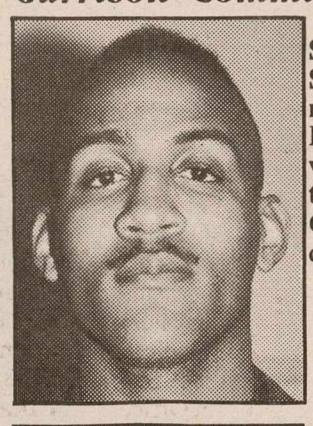
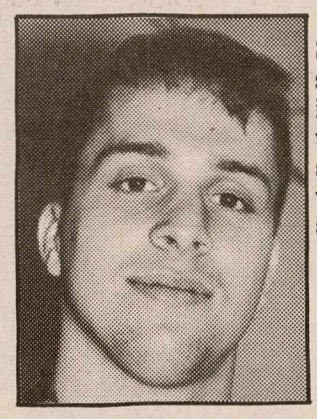
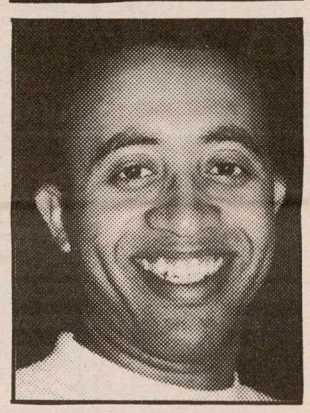


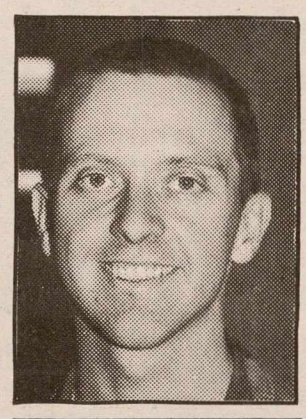
Spc. Patrick Stephenson, Retirement Section NCOIC, Military Personnel Division: "How long will the Post Exchange and Commissary remain open?"



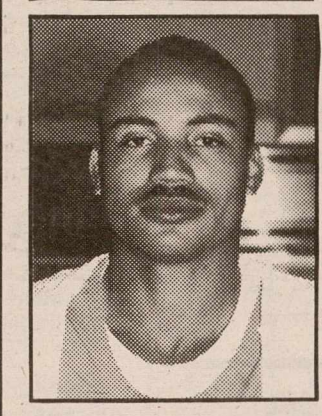
Spc. Fred Harter, Personnel Actions specialist, MPD: "Now that we're getting rid of the skunks and racoons, what will be done about the stray cats?"



Sgt. Charles Curry, trombone player, Sixth U.S. Army Band: "What will be left for the soldiers after the base transitions to the Park Service?"



Spc. John Bosley, chaplain's assistant, USAG Presidio of San Francisco: "Now that the dining facility is closing, will the AAFES Shoppette add more nutritional foods for the soldiers in the barracks?"



Sgt. Wayne Rogers, Specialty Clinic NCOIC, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic: "Due to downsizing and the hospital's closure, what would he expect from the Troop Medical Clinic, i.e., extra details and such. We won't have many people left."

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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Jobs open

Résumé tips offered

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here is the latest series of job announcements provided by the Outplacement Office. Remember, the outplacement specialists are actively recruiting additional vacancy announcements from employers throughout California and surrounding states.

As a result, many announcements in the Outplacement Office do not appear here because they expire prior to publication. Review vacancy announcements frequently! Contact the Outplacement Office at **561-2430** for information on the following vacancies:

Procurement Technician (Typing), GS-1105-05/06. Department of the Navy, Point Mugu, Calif. Open until filled.

Training Specialist, GS-1712-9/11/12. Human Resources Office, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. Closing date is April 18.

Program Specialist, GS-301-13. This is a temporary appointment, not to exceed one year. This could become a permanent position without additional competition. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service Section, Atlanta, Georgia. Closing date is April 5.

Program Manager, GS-301-14. This is a temporary appointment, not to exceed one year. This could become a permanent position without additional competition. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Dallas, Texas. Closing date is April 19.

Management Assistant I, City of Vacaville. Non full-time, $15.87 - $19.28 per hour. Full time $2,579 - $3,134 per month, plus 7 percent city-paid PERS and excellent benefit package. Closing date is April 18.

A Dial-A-Boss question was brought to our attention recently, and we thought the response needed to be published.

Q.: Can an individual accepting voluntary separation incentive pay (VSIP) stay on the rolls until Sept. 30?

A.: According to Donna White, Civilian Personnel Officer, the answer is yes — if the individual is resigning or taking optional VSIP. Those taking a voluntary early retirement may not be able to stay until Sept. 30, as it is up to the Office of Personnel Management and not local supervisors.

Have you been keeping up with the great classes offered by the Job Resource Center? The latest is **"How To Get A Job,"** sponsored by the Job Assistance Center from Fort Ord. You will learn how to network, what strategy to use for best results, what to wear, and successful techniques in finding a job.

The three-hour workshop begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, in Bldg 37 (Civilian Personnel). For reservations, call the Job Resource Center at **561-2554**. Administrative leave may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor. Other upcoming classes include **"How To Write A Résumé"** (April 20), and **"Empowering Yourself"** (April 27).

Brenda Peixotto, of Civilian Personnel's Outplacement Division, forwarded some interesting information.

If you are working in the accounting field, medical service, medical technology, hotel management, teaching, law/paralegal field, retail sales, office management and support, law enforcement, and other service work such as gardening/groundskeeping, homemaker/home health aides, janitors/cleaners, preschool workers, and general maintenance mechanics . . .

THEN you are in one off the fastest growing occupations, according to the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Based on "The Job Outlook in Brief 1990-2005," which is an analysis of the interplay of demographic, economic, social and technological trends, BLS projects that between 1990 and 2005 most of these occupational groups will grow at a rate of 34 percent or greater, and many at a rate greater than 50 percent.

The BLS says "job seekers must be able to match their skills to the jobs available. Changing technology and business practices, increased foreign competition, and shifts in the demand for goods and services will reshape tomorrow's work force — creating employment opportunities for workers in hundreds of occupations and displacing workers in others

"The United States economy is projected to provide 24 million more jobs in 2005 than it did in 1990, an increase of 20 percent."

Peixotto also asked that the *Star Presidian* pass on some advice from employers: résumés should be one page maximum. Your résumé should be the most precise, concise presentation of your skills — they do not have time to spend more than 30 to 60 seconds reading a résumé. Your résumé should also be targeted to match the employer's needs.

Tax time

Free tax service for Presidians here

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Tax Center can't be beaten for its no-cost service to the post's soldiers. Forms, attorney supervised income tax advice and electronic filing are all free.

The Tax Center, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, is located in the basement of Building 223 and is run by the Client Services Division, Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

"The tax program saved the Presidio community approximately $45,000 in commercial preparation and electronic filing fees last year," said Capt. Craig Minnick, chief, Client Services.

The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 9 for last minute preparers (like me). The extra hours will provide time for soldiers, family members and retirees who must travel a great distance or who can't make the time during the week to use the center's services.

Volunteer staff

The Tax Center is staffed by volunteers from the post. The volunteers went through five days of study for federal returns and three days of classes for California state returns. The center also provides federal and state returns for all states that require filing.

"Sgt. Joseph Mac Millan began stocking the center with state forms as far back as October," Minnick said.

"We don't do business returns, but we can handle most tax problems that soldiers experience," Minnick added.

The advisors can help you fill out your forms, or check over the ones that you have prepared to make sure everything is in order. They can also do the forms for you.

Minnick said the center uses up to five volunteers and there are 14 unit tax advisors serving the soldiers on post. This year the tax team helped process more than 600 federal returns and 358 state forms. In 1993 the tax team processed 725 federal and 400 state returns.

Even though there are about one half to two thirds fewer soldiers here this year than were here last year, Minnick said the Tax Center will surpass last year's numbers for customer service. That may be because those who used the service last year came back this year.

Minnick said the Tax Center ran a very popular program last year. This year the Tax Center added a stronger marketing program.

Minnick personally held briefings about the center's services with each unit, and gave presentations at the newcomers' and retirement briefings. The center has continuously run articles in the *Star Presidian* with tax tips, and has strongly pushed its electronic filing service.

Electronic filing, free

You should see them about their electronic filing service if you truly want to receive your return quickly. It is free and eliminates much of the time spent waiting for the return to arrive.

Electronic filing allows the filer to receive a return as a direct deposit to his account. Electronic filing avoids postal delays. The files are sent to the Internal Revenue Service once per week and the filer can receive his income tax check in as little as two to three weeks with direct deposit.

The electronic filing system eliminates up to five steps in the filing process. In many cases the software will catch mistakes to help the soldier file an accurate return.

"The IRS is really pushing the electronic filing system to the public. We have completed about 340 electronic filings this year," Minnick said.

For help with your taxes, see your unit tax advisor, or visit the Presidio Tax Center or call **561-2TAX**. The Presidio Tax Center's forms availability, advisory and electronic filing services may be the best tax-help bargain in town — it's all free.

Essay contest announced

By Sgt. 1st Class Steve Barrett
American Forces Information Service

Service members, DoD civilians and their families could net $1,000 if they submit the winning entry in the first *Army* magazine essay contest.

The contest, sponsored by the Association of the United States Army, centers on issues confronting the Army in the joint environment of the 21st century.

Essays must address Army and Army predominant joint issues. Such issues include the Army in peacetime operations, controlling change while shaping the future and exercising initiative and leadership.

Compositions must be original and 2,500 words or less. The essay must be typed double-spaced on 8-1/2" by 11" paper. Three copies are required, as well as a two- to three-sentence synopsis.

The author's name must remain off the actual essay. Instead, a sealed envelope containing the author's name, a brief biographical sketch, Social Security number and address must accompany the entry. Day and night commercial telephone numbers and a duplicate cover sheet must also accompany the entry.

First prize is $1,000, with $500 and $250 going to second- and third-place finishers, respectively.

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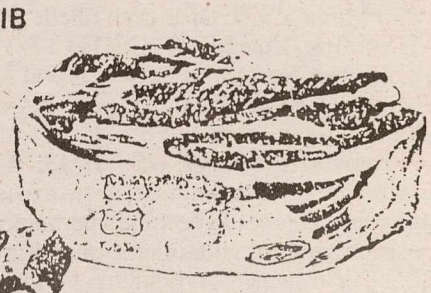

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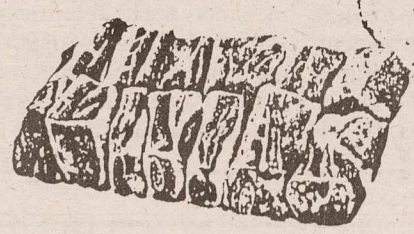

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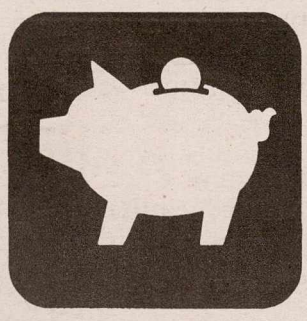
News briefs

CPR Saturday

April 16 is the day for San Francisco residents to learn CPR . . . for free. The American Red Cross Bay Area is hosting "CPR Saturday" at 17 convenient locations throughout the Bay Area. Residents who sign up for the course will learn principals of choke-saving, rescue breathing, and CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). Disaster preparedness information will be available at all sites. Instruction will last approximately 90 minutes and will be taught between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Register for the free training by calling BASS Tickets at **(510) 762-BASS.**

Teen Theater Classes

Teens, are you interested in putting on a play and earning money for a trip to Disneyland? Sign up now for Spring Theater Class. For information on Attitude Theater, contact the Youth Center at **561-5143.**



Community Health Fair

The San Francisco VA Medical Center will host a Community Health Fair, 8 a.m.-noon, April 9. The Health Fair is free to all interested persons. There will be a nominal charge if a participant wants to have a blood work-up completed.

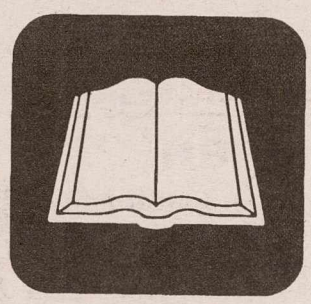
This Health Fair will provide information and basic medical screening. Screening will include dental evaluation, blood pressure checks, lung function testing, vision testing and evaluation for foot problems. Other areas of special focus include diabetes, heart and blood vessel disease, cancer, mental health, nutrition, HIV disease, and healthy aging.

The Community Health Fair will be held at San Francisco VA Medical Center, Admissions Area, 4150 Clement Street at 42nd Ave., San Francisco. The MUNI 38 Geary to Ft. Miley comes right to the front door.

For information, call Melinda Murphy at **(415) 750-2250.**

Historical book available soon

Artillery at the Golden Gate: The Harbor Defenses of World War II, a book written by San Franciscan Brian B. Chin and featured in last week's *Star Presidian*, will be available at Golden Gate National Recreation Area stores in mid-April. If you would like to order directly from the publisher, write to Pictorial Histories Publishing Company, 713 South Third Street West, Missoula, Montana 59801.



Nomination request

The Civilian Personnel Office requests nominations for Outstanding Army Employee of the Year With a Disability. The Secretary of the Army will honor the awardee in a ceremony in October. CPO must receive nominations no later than April 18. For information, contact Glenda Plyman at **561-3779.**

ROA Meeting

Bay Area Chapters of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) will meet to jointly install new officers at the Presidio Officers' Club April 8. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30, and installation at

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Band plays on in San Joaquin

By Sgt. Charles Curry
Sixth U.S. Army Band

We're baaack! The Sixth U.S. Army Band recently returned from two concert tours in the San Joaquin Valley. The first tour took place in February involving the concert band. The performance sites included the California valley towns of Clovis, Visalia, Modesto and concluded in Lodi. Unlike last year, the Sixth Army Band will not perform a spring concert with the Lodi High School Band because of Lodi's prior commitment at Disneyland's Music Festival.

The second tour visited some of the junior colleges in the valley — Porterville College, Kings River College in Reedley and Modesto Junior College — and concluded on March 25.

The audiences for both tours were somewhat sparse but very receptive and appreciative. Each community was somewhat reserved but very grateful for the band's performance in their area. They were also very happy to learn that the Sixth Army Band will remain at the Presidio once the Park Service takes over the installation.

These tours were part of an effort to promote public relations between the Bay Area and the Army. It's always good to show the Army in a different light. With two of the band's missions being public relations and recruiting, this tour was a very good training experience.

Sgt. Philip Rainey (right) and Spc. Richard Huffaker (above, right) helped entertain the crowds with the mellow strains of the Sixth U.S. Army Jazz Ensemble. The Sixth U.S. Army Band played two concert tours in the San Joaquin Valley in February. (Photos by Sgt. Charles Curry)

Squeaky clean!

Soldiers from the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic Morale Committee washed cars to help earn money for the final Letterman ball. Drivers were able to choose from three levels of automobile care, ranging from exterior wash only to exterior and interior cleaning and a free hot dog. The committee is also selling T-shirts and mugs to raise funds for the event.

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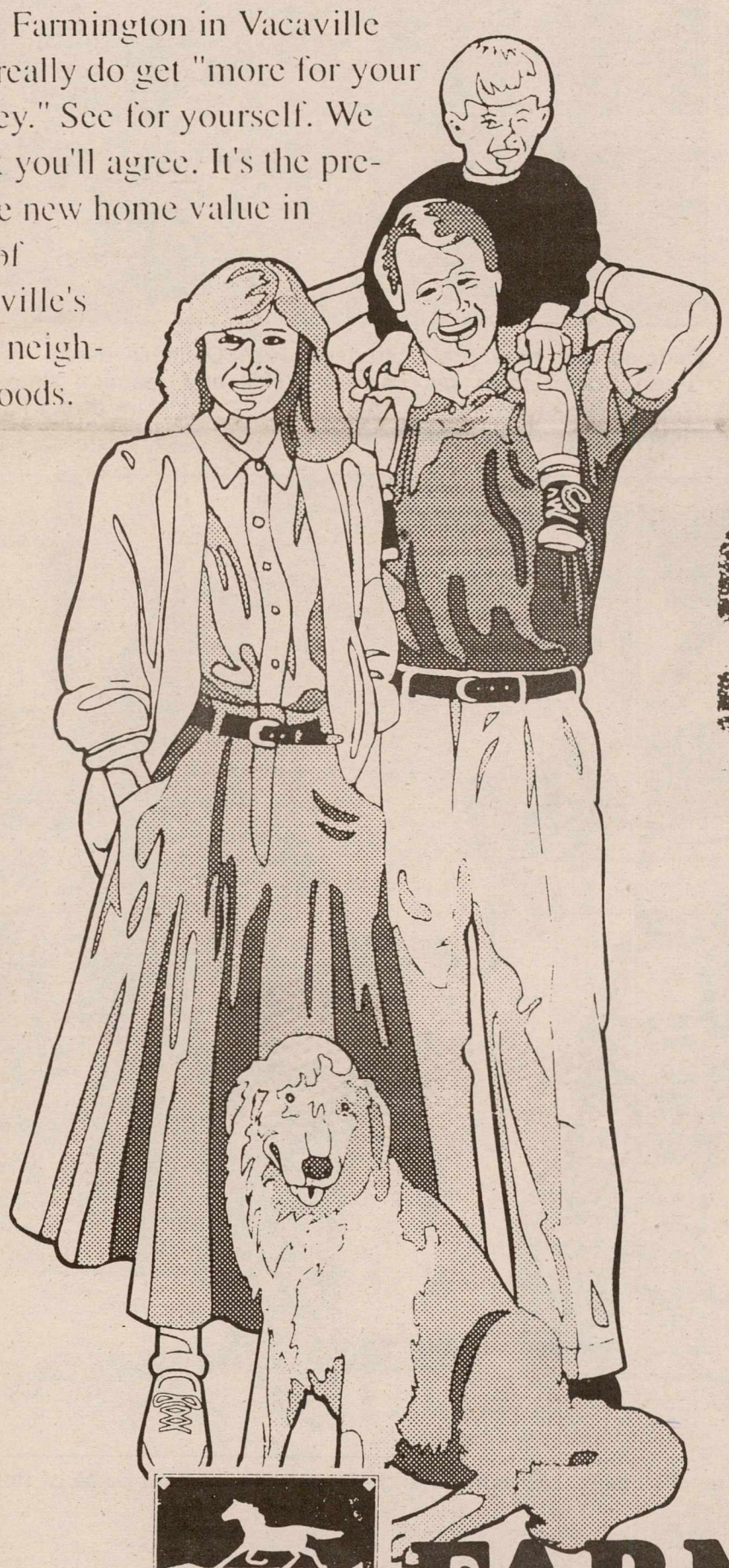

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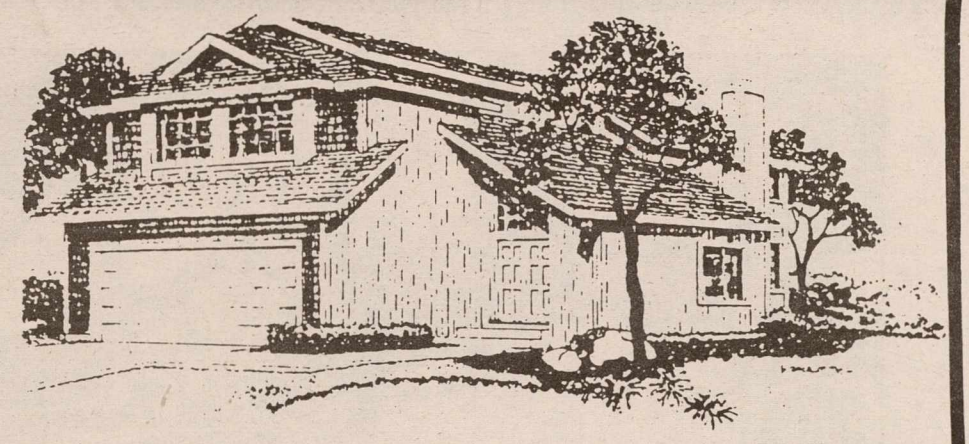

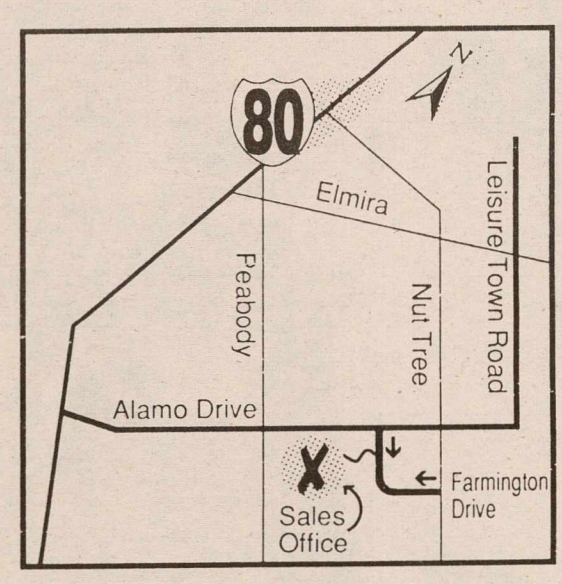

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Martial arts

Presidio youths learn self-defense

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

A martial arts class for youths is available from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Youth Activities Center, Building 386.

This class features a style called "Zujitsu Ryu" and is taught by Sensei Gregg Cohen. He has been teaching the class for Youth Services for three years, holding the first classes in the Scout Hut before moving to the youth center. However, Cohen makes it quite clear that he has no intention of teaching children how to fight, but how to defend themselves.

"A child who knows how to fight but has no discipline is a bad thing," Cohen said. "I teach character development. Character development is the most important part of life."

Cohen said that martial arts in general follow six basic principals called the morals of martial arts. They are:

1. To seek perfection of character;
2. Defend the paths of truth;
3. Foster the spirit of effort;
4. Honor the principles of etiquette;
5. Guard against impetuous courage; and
6. Be gentle in life and ferocious in combat.

This doesn't sound like anything you see in the martial arts movies, and that may be the point. Although the movies show opponents in confrontation, Cohen teaches his students that many times it is wise to back down from trouble.

"I'm not teaching them how to fight, I'm teaching them how to keep someone from hurting them," Cohen explained.

"Often, just jumping out of the way can stymie an opponent."

Awareness

Cohen recently presented a child protection seminar at the Religious Activity Center, Building 682. The seminar did not focus on fighting — rather, it concentrated on preparing children to identify and deal with possible dangers, what to expect from authorities who deal with child abduction cases and how to get help if you think you child is missing.

"The seminar went over very well. [Religious Education director] Steve Miller helped set it up.

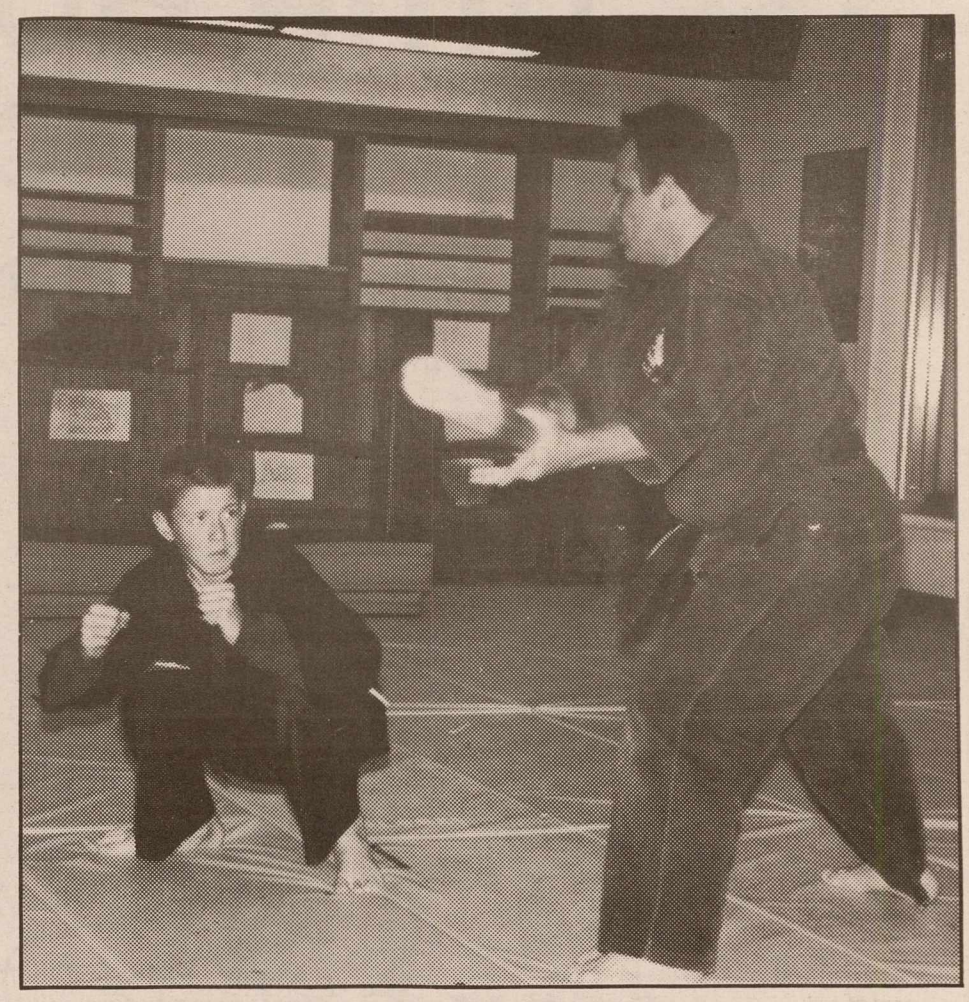
"Parents were very enthusiastic about this seminar. Part of it focused on how to talk to your child," Cohen continued. "Children need to understand in a way that is appropriate that there are some bad people out there. We're going to start planning another seminar in the same place."

Meanwhile, children enrolled in the Zujitsu Ryu class will be learning discipline, respect for others, responsiveness, verbal self-defense skills, and to be more aware and observant of their surroundings.

The class stresses that leaving the scene of a potential conflict is best. Engagement in conflict is a last resort and evasive maneuvers are emphasized.

Students are taught rolls, falls, throws, kicks, punches, blocks and combinations. Sparring is limited to the more advanced students, and then only with the instructor.

Classes are $40 per month. For more information, call Youth Activities, **561-5143**.



Dodging the bow staff, student Josh Dolinger ducks as Sensei Gregg Cohen tests his student's skill and reaction time. Cohen teaches his students that the ability to evade an attack is just as important as being able to block it.

With a quick snap, students practice their front kicks by the numbers. Discipline, self-control and effort are important parts of the Zujitsu Ryu class held in the Presidio Youth Activities Center, Building 386.

"Cubanapolis" Race at Scout Hut

By Theresa Seegel
Special to the Star Presidian

Presidio Cub Scout Pack 77 met March 19 at the Scout Hut for their monthly Pack meeting. Bear Cub Scouts Jeremy Beecher, Dominic Krupp and Chris Nolan of Den 2 performed the opening and closing flag ceremonies.

Keeping with the monthly theme of "Wheels, Wings and Rudders," fathers and sons worked together to create a cardboard box car that the Cub Scouts could wear during the Cubanapolis Race.

The Cub Scouts raced against each other in their respective age groups, completing three trips around the hazard-filled race track.

Three mandatory pit stops made the race more challenging. The first stop was to clean the windshield (Scouts washed their faces); the second was to fill up the tank (sip a cup of juice with a straw). The final pit stop was to put on new tires (put a pair of socks on over the shoes).

Track hazards consisted of high grass, two steps, and running through a water sprinkler.

All Cub Scouts were winners in successfully completing the race. Those earning ribbons were:

Tiger Cub Scouts: 1st, Kyle Martin; 2nd, Steven Beckman; 3rd, Jonathan Beacon

Wolf Cub Scouts: 1st, Paul Dixon; 2nd, Chris Collins; 3rd, Patrick Rupe

Bear Cub Scouts: 1st, Scott Collins; 2nd, Chris Nolan; 3rd, Dominic Krupp

Webelos Cub Scouts: 1st, Joshua Newell; 2nd, Grant Davis; 3rd, Michael Deehl

To join Cub Scouts, please call (Col.) Jim Newell at **561-2682**.

Gentlemen, start your engines!

Webelos Cub Scout leader (Maj.) Jim Sauer leads the Tiger Cubs around the Cubanapolis race track. (Photo provided by Presidio Boy Scouts)

Month of the Military Child

Self-esteem an important issue for kids

"A torn jacket is soon mended, but hard words bruise the heart of a child." -- Henry W. Longfellow

I am your child and I need you badly.

Please look at me carefully the next time you see me. *Please notice that I am small and weak. Please listen to* me carefully the next time you see me. Please notice that I don't know much. Like you, I was born helpless. And growing up, so I can take care of myself, will take a long time too.

I need food, I need rest. I need to be kept clean. I need to be kept warm in the winter and cool in summer. I need to be taken in your arms, or sat on your lap. I need to feel your skin against my skin. I need you to help heal my hurts. I need you to teach me everything you can, so I'll have a chance in this world when I grow up.

I need your patience. I know I'm not very orderly. I cry out for things like food and attention the second I need them. I can't help it, and I know it bothers you sometimes. All I can hope is that you will be patient with me until I can learn to be patient, too.

Above all, I need to know you love me. Even if your parents gave you no love, try to give a little to me so I can give a little to my children, and they can give a little to their children. I need so much from you, yet I have only one thing I can give you in return. That is my love. Today and tomorrow and for as long as I live.

DEFINITION OF EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Emotional abuse is a pattern of behavior that attacks a person's emotional development, self-worth and social competence. Examples include constant criticizing, belittling, insulting, rejecting and providing no love, support or guidance. While children are resilient enough to bounce back from occasional insult or criticism, a constant barrage can crush a child's personality.

Adults greatly influence a child's emotional health -- the way a child feels, thinks, behaves and relates to the world. Good emotional health means that a child is happy most of the time, likes to learn, wants to grow and make friends.

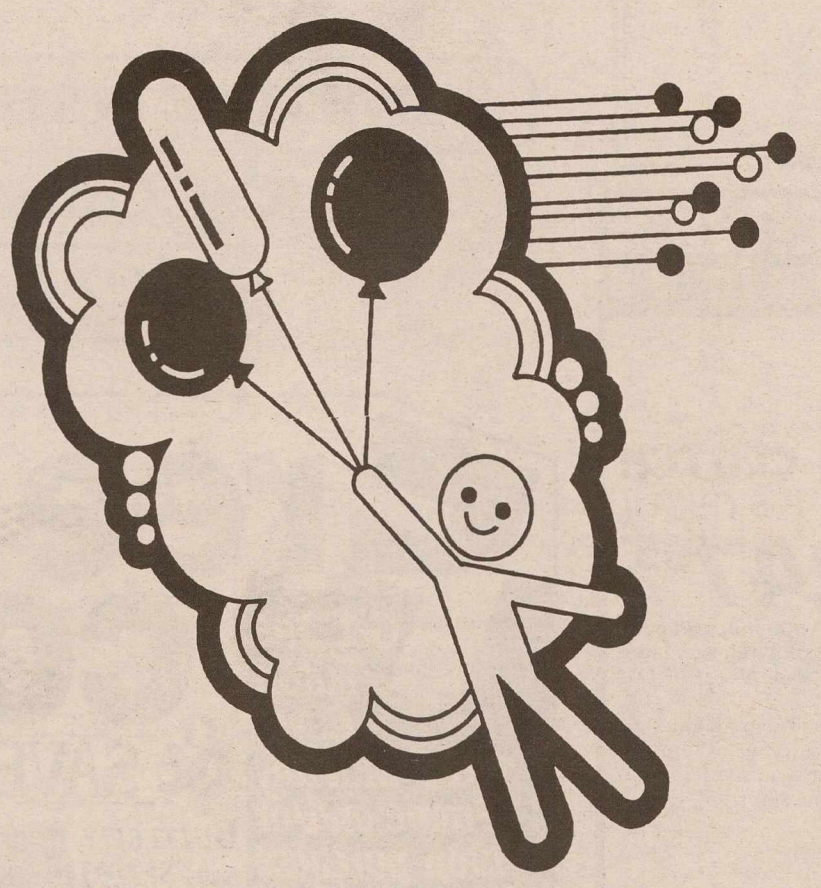
Children need to feel safe, to feel loved and to feel worthwhile. No one is perfect, and most parents say things at times to their children that they later regret. But when kids are told over and over again that they are no good, serious harm is done. When children are constantly threatened, rejected or expected to do things they cannot do, it leads to low self-esteem and problem behavior.

Dr. James Garbarino, a well-known expert on emotional abuse, breaks the definition of emotional abuse into five basic areas:

-- **Rejecting**: Threats of leaving children or kicking them out of the home, refusing to show affection, telling children they never do anything right and name calling.

-- **Terrorizing**: Teasing, scaring, threatening a child with harm, making fun of a child in public, or forcing a child to choose between parents.

-- **Ignoring**: Refusing to talk to a child, showing no interest in a child or in a child's activities, or not protecting a child from the aggressive acts of others.



-- **Isolating**: Cutting off a child from family or friends, leaving a child alone a lot, keeping a child out of school and away from social activities.

-- **Corrupting**: Encouraging a child to engage in inappropriate sexual activities, encouraging drug dependency, or rewarding aggressive, delinquent behavior.

Constant emotional abuse of children leaves wounds that may never heal. Children who have been exposed to this maltreatment have life-long problems with low self-esteem and with an inability to form healthy relationships. Emotional abuse may seriously interfere with a child's normal development or in extreme cause life-threatening medical problems. It can lead to ongoing poor performance in school and later on in jobs. It can also be a factor in drug or alcohol dependency, delinquency and suicidal behavior.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

It is okay to take care of yourself physically and emotionally. Children learn to take care or themselves by watching you. Take time to exercise, read, nap or work on a special project to recharge *your* battery.

You are a mirror for your children. They believe what you tell them about themselves. "Helpful, "creative" and "curious" are building words. Unkind words like "bad" or "stupid" tear children down and teach them that they just aren't good enough.

Respect children and use a courteous tone of voice. If we talk to our children as we would our friends, our youngsters may be more likely to seek us out as confidants.

Children are never too old to be told they are loved. Saying "I love you" is important. Writing it in a note provides the child a reminder that he can hold on to.

Giving your children chores around the house builds cooperation and responsibility. "Thanks for helping me pick up the house. We make a great team. Now we can go to the park."

Rules help children feel secure. Without limits, children do not know where they stand. To avoid arguments try the "when/then" method: "When your toys are picked up then I will read you a story," or "when the dishes are put away then you may use the phone."

TIPS FOR CHILDREN

If you feel bad inside, talk about it. Feeling bad doesn't mean you are bad. here are some ways to turn bad feelings into something positive:

-- Talk to your school counselor.
-- Talk to a friend.
-- Draw a picture of how you feel.
-- Write in your diary.
-- Get more sleep if you're tired.
-- Read a book.
-- Listen to music.
-- See the humor in the situation, if possible.
-- Get some exercise! Go for a walk, shoot baskets.
-- Try to talk and listen to the person who made you feel bad.

Feelings are always OK. But what you do about those feelings is not always OK. No matter how bad you feel, don't hurt yourself or someone else. That will make you feel worse and may get you into trouble.

If someone does something that makes you feel bad, use an "I" message: "I feel bad when you tease me and take my things."

Turn bad into good. When you think something bad about yourself, try to remember something good too. Every morning when you're getting ready for school, look in the mirror, give yourself a big smile and say "I like myself."

(Information provided by Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Services)

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8:30. Make checks payable to Dorothy Beers, 1150 Union Street, #902, San Francisco, Calif., 94101, by April 4. Indicate chapter number and entree choice: broiled half spring chicken, $16.50, or filet of red snapper, $17.50. Attire is winter mess dress or equivalent.

TRICARE Update

Attention all TRICARE Prime enrollees! If you do not receive your enrollment card in the mail by April 8, contact the Patient Service Center at Letterman. They are located in Room 215, or you can phone **561-4509/4923**.

Islamic Hajj planned

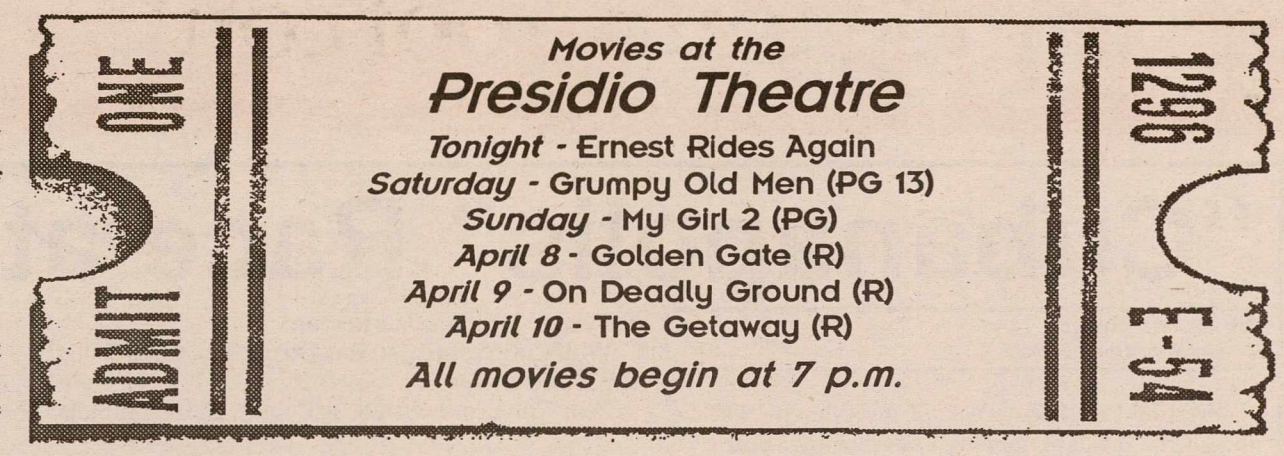
The Executive Director of the American Muslim Council has announced the Holy Pilgrimage (Hajj) for members of the Islamic Faith to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, May 8-30. Those of the Muslim faith who are interested in attending should contact the Post Chaplain at **561-4711**.

Humanitarian law classes

Rules and principles in war zones? Contrary to what people might think after watching recent news reports from Bosnia, there are rules and principles to protect civilians and military prisoners against consequences of war. The Geneva Conventions and Protocols are the primary instruments of International Humanitarian Law. When can they be invoked and what protection do they afford? The American Red Cross Bay Area is offering a class on International Humanitarian Law that will answer these questions and more.

The free course is scheduled in San Francisco at 1550 Sutter Street, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 13. The workshop will also cover Protected Groups and Protections, Tracing and International Social Services, Enforcement and Application, and the Structure and Role of the International Red Cross. The award-winning new film, "Silent Tears," will be shown.

To register, please call **(415) 202-0609**. Each class is limited to 20 participants.



Tax Center open Saturday

April 15 is quickly approaching and the Presidio Tax Center will be open on the last Saturday of the tax season in order to accommodate last minute filers and those individuals who are unable to schedule an appointment during regular weekday hours. The Tax Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 9. Appointments are not necessary. Free state and federal tax preparation and electronic filing is available to soldiers, family members and retirees. Please call the Presidio Tax Center at **561-2829** for more information.

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop Saturday opening and Flea Market will be tomorrow in front of Bldg. 204. The Flea Market is from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; the Thrift Shop will be open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. A valid "unlimited" military Identification card is required to rent vendor space. No reservation is needed. For information, call **922-3384**.

USO discount tickets

The "Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular" comes to the Golden Gate Theatre (6th and Market), at 8 p.m. June 28. Sign up now at the USO for below box office price tickets on orchestra seats! Reduced price tickets are available to active duty military and DoD civilians. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by May 10. Phone the USO at **(415) 391--1657** or stop by Naval Station Treasure Island, Bldg. 7, Room 154, for information.

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By Cindy Agness
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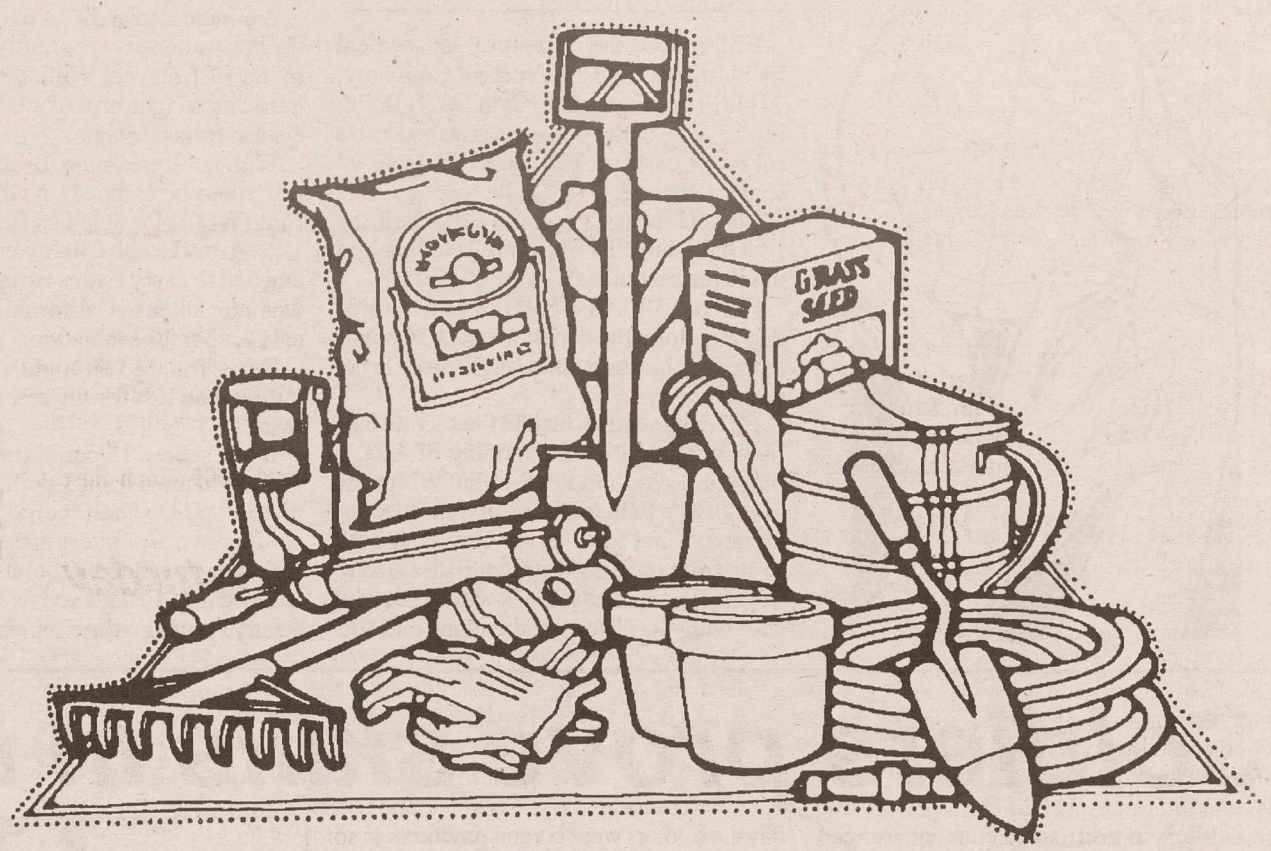

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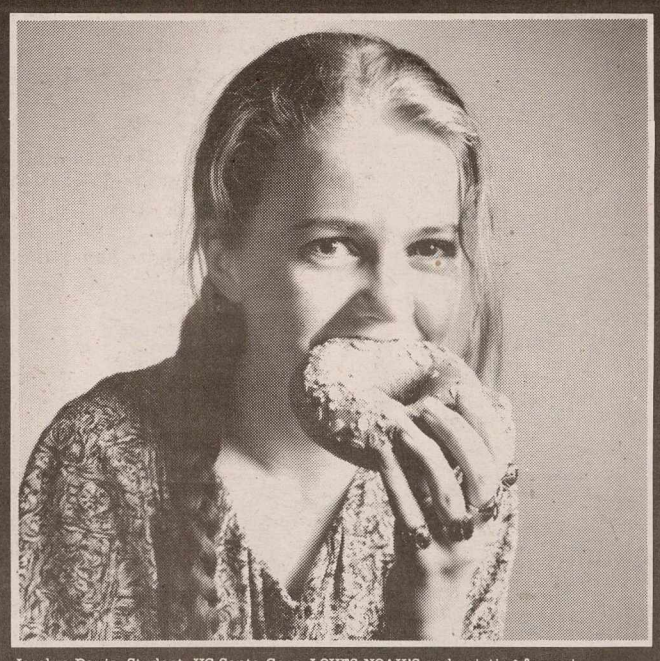

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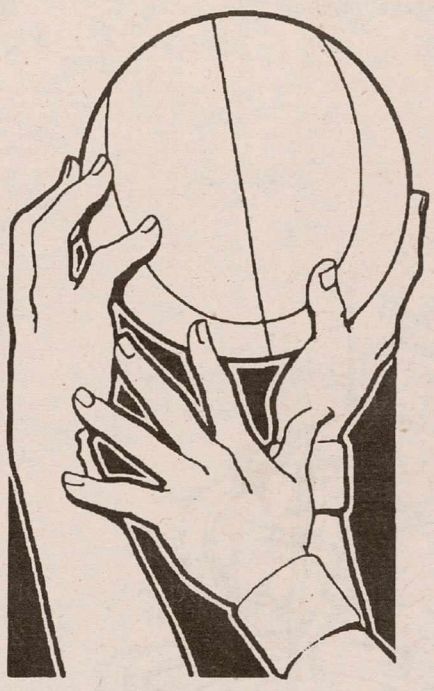

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

FBI opened the intramural tournament by blasting Law Enforcement Company, 77-47, Tuesday night in Gym No. 1, Building 63. The battle of the cops turned into a cakewalk early for FBI, which had a 40-24 lead at halftime.

LEC's John Evans scored 14 points in the first half, but FBI found ways to box him out in the second half of the game.

Half of FBI's first-half points were produced by John Broderick. He sank 20 points in the first half and added eight more in the second.

FBI expanded its lead in the second half by capitalizing on the anxiety of LEC's players. Less than three minutes into the half, LEC's Richard Johnson was called for an intentional foul. Brian Guy sank both shots from the line to stretch FBI's lead to 46-26. Then, Andy Black sank a 3-point shot with 11:11 left on the clock and followed that with an assist to Guy who laid in another two points for a 51-26 FBI lead.

A minute later, LEC's Williams drove to the hoop and was apparently low-bridged by an FBI player. Williams hit the floor hard and a fight broke out. Williams was ejected from the game.

With 1:49 remaining, Evans injured himself when he stepped on an FBI player's foot (W60). Paramedics from Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic were in the stands and had to carry Evans from the floor. He was later taken to California Pacific Medical Cent3er for evaluation.

Evans finished the night with 27 points, but may be lost for the rest of the tournament.

Black scored 15 points on five shots for FBI, all of them from 3-point range. Teammate Todd Dorman scored 12 points, including two 3-pointers in the fast half, and Rob Howard added 10 points.

Basically, FBI played its same old dull, steady, boring game which no one has found an answer to. When the team wants excitement it lets Black fire shots from the perimeter. Any team wanting to survey this tournament will have to put a man on Black whenever he spots up for those 3-pointers.

Guy is still doing a good job of pushing the ball up court and directing traffic for FBI and feeding assists to Broderick. Someone like USAG #II's Donnell Warren will have to fill the passing lanes to take FBI out of its game, or the tournament will be theirs.

Last Week's final regular season games:

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This game started off slowly. More than four minutes of playing time elapsed before USAG tied it 4-4. The first half ended with LUSAHC leading 22-17.

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FBI's Andy Black led all scorers with 18 points, including four 3-point baskets in the second half of the game.

Soldiers prove skills in MILSTAKES

Soldiers in team-sized elements ranged across the Presidio recently, racing the clock to prove their military knowledge and skills.

Headquarters Company conducted a Military Stakes Competition March 23 that consisted of 11 common task stations spread over an 8-mile-long course that covered the Presidio's perimeter.

The teams consisted of five soldiers each and were evaluated on both, their ability to complete the tasks in accordance with the Soldier's manual of Comman Tasks, and how long each team took to complete the course.

The soldiers had prepared earlier for the MILSTAKES competition. The unit dedicated three training days for that purpose. The first two days were strictly for training the 11 soldier tasks. On the third training day the soldiers were given a practice test on all 11 tasks.

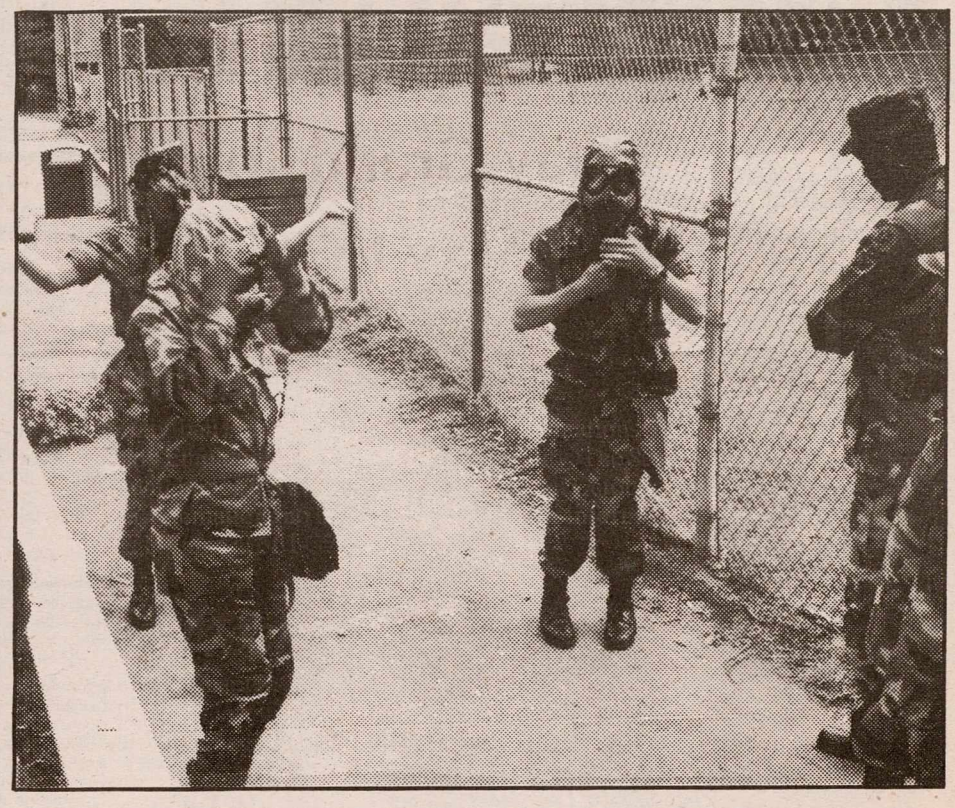
The training was focused on knowledge of common soldier tasks, physical fitness (the winners ran the entire course), and teamwork.

Evaluators included some of the unit's senior noncommissioned officers plus NCOs from the Sixth U.S. Army Operational Readiness and Evaluation teams.

"I wanted to ensure that the competition was mentally and physically challenging and that it would also provide some interesting and enjoyable training for the soldiers," said 1st Sgt. Richard L. Griego. "All of the soldiers gave 110 percent and stated that they enjoyed the competition. Some even suggested that we do it again."

The winning MILSTAKES tea includes (front row) Spc. Linda Wilson, Cpl. Michael Williams, Spc. Kevin Hubert, (second row) Spc. Shaylea Wilkinson, Pvt. 2 Pepukayie Nunnally and the team leader, Staff Sgt. Jeffery McKeller.

As a grader watches, Spc. Alleman performs a functions check on an M-16A1 rifle



Trying to beat the clock, soldiers attempt to properly put on, clear and fasten their M17 protective masks. Afterward, they had to properly remove and store the masks as well.

Golf tournament gets into swing

By Forrest Holloway
Special to the Star Presidian

It's time to knock the dust off the old golf clubs, because the 13th Annual AUSA Golf Tournament will be played at the Presidio Army Golf Course April 8, with an 8:15 a.m. shotgun start. The competition is a four-player team scramble and is open to all military personnel and civilians. Entry fee includes a continental breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, lunch, prizes, drinks on the course, tee gifts, and the player's contribution to the Association of the United Sates Army. Tournament proceeds fund programs to support local soldiers and their families.

Remember, golf is a game of fundamentals. If you're having swing problems, go back to the fundamentals of grip, stance and posture. Fix the fundamentals and the rest will fall into place.

There are three swings in golf: the swing you use on the practice range, your tournament swing, and your hit and giggle swing. The key to being tournament tough is to make your practice range swing and your tournament swing the same swing!

The AUSA Golf Tournament won't be won by long drives or unreal iron shots into the green. What will win the tournament is the old flat blade called a putter. Take it back low and slow and keep the face square in the follow-through. Also remember that a putt struck too hard changes the hole from four inches to two inches. a As Harvey Penick says, "Let it slip into the hole like a mouse" and you can win the four-player team scramble open to all military personnel and civilians.

Tension loses more tournaments than all the swing flaws in golf. You can't have tension in your hands and arms and execute a consistent golf swing. One way to ease tension is just before you swing, tighten every muscle in your body as tight as you can, hold it for just a second, and then relax. Now is the time to hit the ball.

Thanks for the support that you have provided the AUSA Golf Tournament over the past many years. On behalf of our soldiers and the Presidio community, please accept my gratitude for your assistance.

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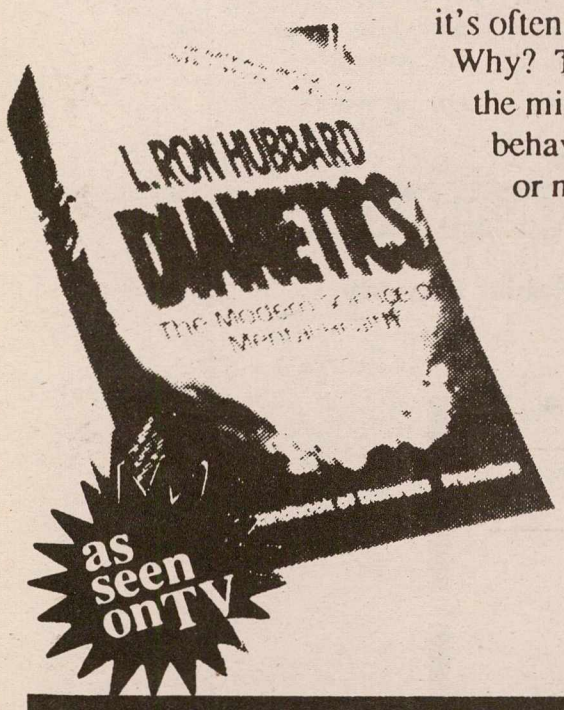

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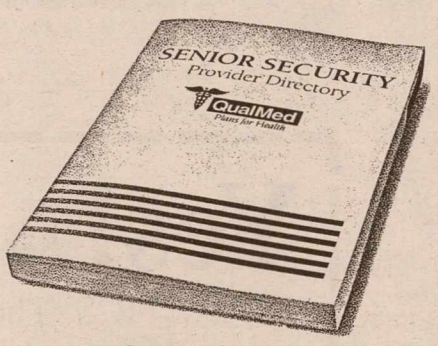

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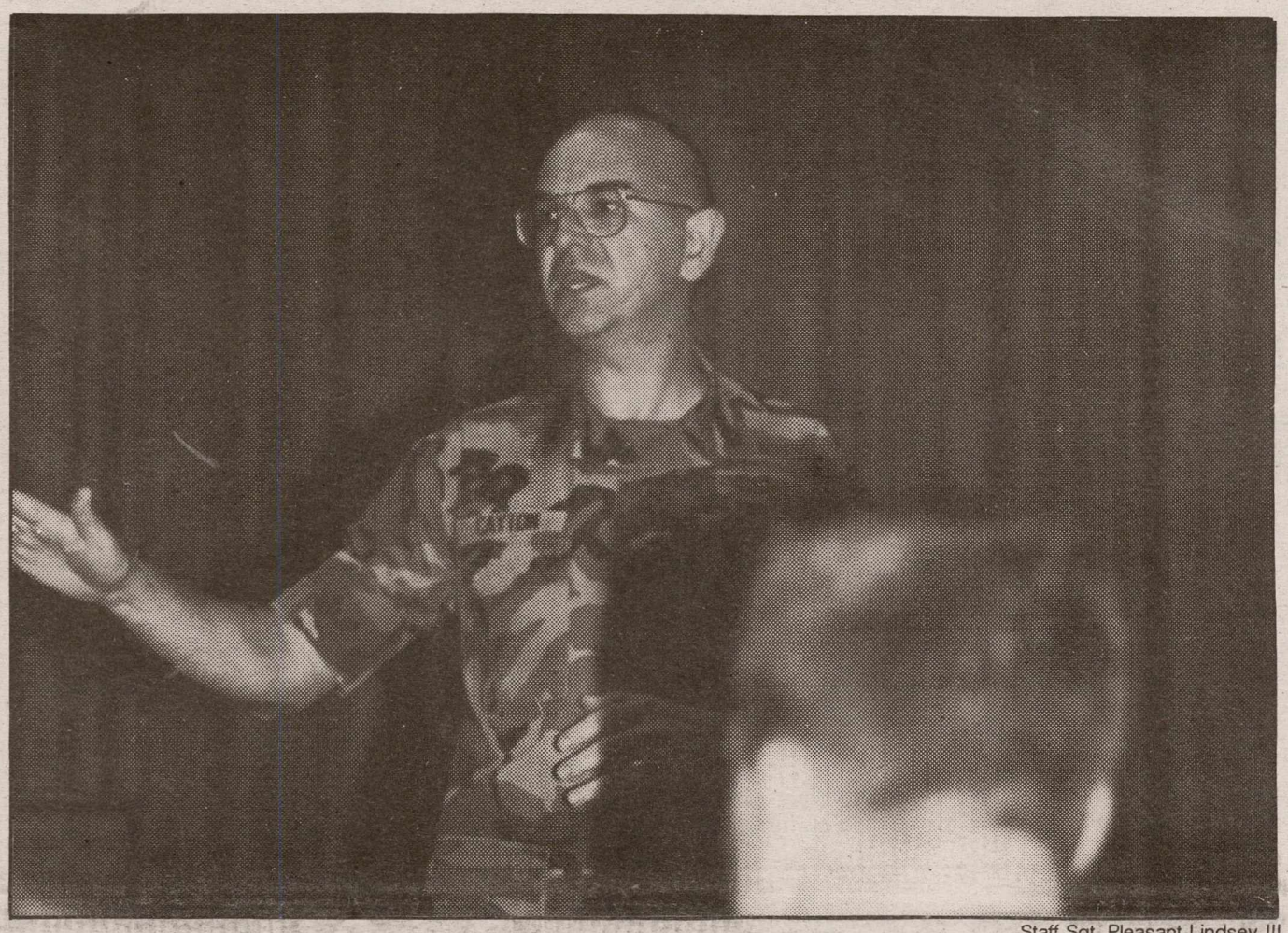

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

FORSCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Richard B. Cayton addresses the post's NCOs Tuesday afternoon in Schwartz Theater. Cayton stressed to the audience that NCOs are trainers and leaders. "A sergeant has influence over people every day. You can find someone in your environment to do something nice for," Cayton said. "The most successful leaders are those who influence and help people."

Reserve deputy commander on post for status briefings

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Sixth U.S. Army deputy commanding general, reserve component, recently spent two days at the Presidio of San Francisco receiving status briefings of reserve operations and planning.

Maj. Gen. Jan P. Wepster held office calls March 28 and 29 here and visited the 91st Division Exercise and the Battle Systems Center at Parks Reserve Forces Training Center, Dublin, Calif.

Wepster is responsible for monitoring and supervising training and mobilization readiness programs for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve within the 12-state Sixth Army area.

Wepster, 54, is nearing the end of his tour as deputy commanding general for Sixth Army's reserve component. On Aug. 15, Wepster will have held the position for three years, the average length of time for such a tour.

Previously, Wepster commanded the 41st Infantry Brigade, Oregon National Guard, roundout brigade of the 7th Infantry Division, under Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison. Being named deputy commander of Sixth Army's reserve component allowed him to continue using his influence to enhance the training of reserve forces. Wepster said he was honored to join Sixth U.S. Army's command structure under Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr.

"Gen. Mallory is recognized by the commander of FORSCOM and the Chief of Staff of the Army as being one of our premier trainers," Wepster said. "I've always enjoyed training, consider myself a trainer and have learned a lot from him."

Wepster said that despite budget cuts and downsizing, he sees the reserve component heading in the right direction as far as training is concerned. He named the Operational Readiness and Evaluation teams as being big assets for getting reserve units to train to standard. Also, Sixth Army will be setting up the model for Regional Training Brigades primarily focused on improbving readiness in the combat arms and combat support branches.

"I think we're doing a lot of the right things to help the reserve component focus on training to standard instead of time, understanding what the standards are, and to concentrating on readiness," Wepster said.

Like other reserve and National Guard soldiers, Wepster is a private businessman who must juggle his civilian job with his military career. He owns Wepster Orchard and Nursery in Sheridan, Oregon. Wepster cultivates hazelnuts, plums and prunes. His nursery sells hazelnut and walnut trees. Whenever he visits reserve component units, his wife, Linda, handles the day-to-day business functions.

Wepster has been in this business all of his life. His father immigrated from Holland in 1933. Wepster was born June 3, 1940 in McMinnville, Oregon. He graduated from Oregon State University in June 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture. He also majored in economics in college and earned his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps as a second lieutenant of Infantry. He has given his life to both the Army and his business ever since, building his nursery business around his Army career.

Among his decorations and awards are the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Ranger Tab and the Parachutists Badge.

Being a National Guardsman himself gives him a valuable insight to the problems citizen soldiers face when juggling their military lives with their civilian careers.

"Large corporations can work around their employees who are members of the reserve component. School and government employees are protected by laws that allow them to retain their jobs while putting in valuable reserve training time," Wepster said.

"Reserve soldiers who work for smaller businesses face pressures to sacrifice their reserve training or to get out of the reserves. It's a constant balancing act between the time that must be given to the reserve component and the time necessary for the civilian job.

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Ask the commander responses

Garrison commander answers concerns

By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

It is once again my pleasure to address the questions and concerns of my fellow Presidians.

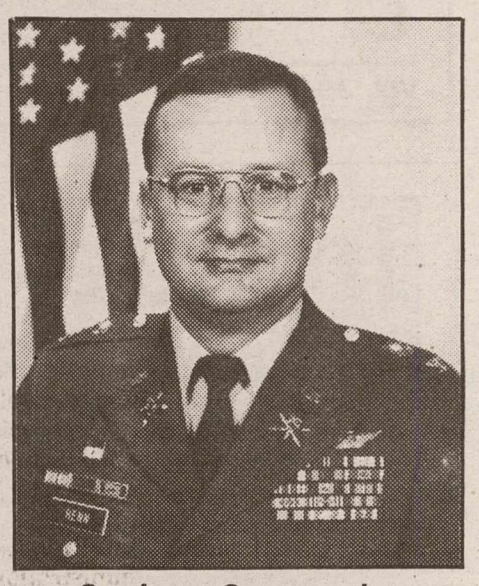
Spc. Patrick Stephenson asked how long the Post Exchange and Commissary would remain open. The good news is that both the Exchange and the Commissary are included in the "military footprint" to support Sixth U.S. Army. So, as of now, it looks like they will be open as long as there are soldiers stationed at the Presidio!

Sgt. Fred Harter wants to know "Now that we're getting rid of the skunks and raccoons, what will be done about the stray cats?" This is a difficult question, because stray cats create a special problem. Unlike skunks and raccoons, which can be relocated, stray cats must be turned over to San Francisco's Animal Care & Control (ACC). ACC treats and cares for the animal until a suitable home can be found. Unfortunately, many of these animals are not considered adoptable by ACC; they may be ill or too wild to handle. If the animals are not adoptable, they must be euthanized. Both ACC and the Military Police are then looked upon as the "bad guys" because they are the ones who have to resolve the situation. Responsible pet owners can assist the MPs and ACC by educating others about this problem, i.e., do not just "dump" your cat when you PCS. Parents can help, too, by teaching their children responsible pet ownership.

Sgt. Charles Curry asked what will be left for the soldiers after the base transitions to the Park Service. First, let me answer by making this caveat: while we have a transition plan, nothing is final until the plan is approved by the Department of the Army and the Department of the Interior. Having said that, many changes will occur on July 1 of this year. On that day, Outdoor Recreation, Arts and Crafts, Autocraft, ITT, the Riding Stables, and center-based care at the Child Development Center will close their operations.

Facilities to be transferred to the National Park Service include the Child Care Center, Bowling Center, Theater, Golden Gate Club, Pop Hicks and Fort Scott athletic fields, several tennis courts, and Gym No. 2, located next to the indoor swimming pool. While the Park Service will control these facilities, the activities will most likely be open to the general public, including our soldiers. These transfers will take place by October 1 of this year.

On July 1, Fort Lewis, Wash., will assume responsibility for the continuing morale, welfare and recreation activities on the Presidio. These include Youth Services, Family Child Care, the main gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, several tennis courts, Paul Goode athletic field, various Army Community Services, and the current Officers' Club, which will convert into an all ranks club. We're still awaiting decisions on the fates of the Yacht Club and the Golf Course, as well as the final determination of those areas discussed above. We should have word within a few weeks. When that word comes, we'll share it with the community.



Garrison Commander Col. Gregory A. Renn

Spc. John Bosley asked "Now that the dining facility is closing, will the AAFES Shoppette add more nutritional foods for the soldiers in the barracks?" AAFES is committed to serving their customers' needs. You can contact the Shoppette Manager at **(415) 561-9621/ 9619** and let them know what additional items you would like to see on the shelves. Remember, too, that the Commissary is not just for married soldiers; single folks living in the barracks can shop there as well.

Sgt. Wayne Rogers is concerned that "due to downsizing and the hospital's closure, what will be expected from the Troop Medical Clinic? We won't have many people left." Well, Sgt. Rogers, it's true that the Clinic is going to be a lot smaller. There will be only a 40-hour per week operation with two doctors, and the focus will be on primary care for the active duty soldier. Everything else is going to be contracted out through CHAMPUS. Any soldier or family member who would like more information on medical care should drop by Letterman's Patient Service Center and talk with the experts who can answer their questions.

To the editor

Dear Editor:

As Maj. Koplin clearly pointed out in his letter concerning animal control on the Presidio, the Military Police are providing a service to the community in controlling wild animals. What's missing is the reason why your Military Police provide this needed service without being resourced for that service with either manpower authorizations or training resources.

The Military Police respond to community complaints only. They do not randomly attempt to eliminate wildlife on the Presidio, as suggested by Maj. Koplin's letter. Animal control duties are accomplished as an additional duty by dedicated community servants. Maj. Koplin's suggestion that there is a concerted effort to eliminate small game on the Presidio is not factually supportable.

Wild game animal populations in an urban area such as the Presidio are often not consistent with providing a safe and healthy environment for our community. Further, the military police only relocate these animals to an area safer for both the animals and our residents. After reviewing cases where domestic pets have been killed by game animals (to include a rabbit belonging to a neighbor of Maj. Koplin's), the increasing statistics of rabies in the local area, and the possibility of a child being hurt as these scavengers rummage through local residents' trash, I challenge Maj. Koplin's concerns for the park-like setting of the Presidio.

As I hand off the responsibility for law-enforcement on the Presidio, the Military Police will continue to provide the high level of professional commitment to excellence which I have demanded while at the helm. With this, I retire from active duty and wish you all well. The past three-and-a-half years as your "sheriff" have been memorable and challenging. I leave knowing that your community is well protected by a staff of professionals. Godspeed to all.

Maj. (Ret.) John M. Fowler
Past Provost Marshal

MPs serve our country

By Sgt. Christopher Heinen
Law Enforcement Company

What is a military police officer?

Some call them "fascist pig" but others call them son, husband, brother, sister, Daddy or Mom.

They're the first ones you curse at when you get a parking ticket, but they are also the first ones you call when you get in trouble. You get furious when they chew you out for speeding through a school zone. You don't know that they are the same ones who just picked up the broken body of a child from the street -- a child struck down by another speeding driver.

When our husbands or wives kiss us goodbye in the morning, they wonder when or if we will be home for supper.

When one military police officer goes bad, the entire MP Corps is ridiculed. However, when a military police officer gives up his life in the line of duty, only his family and brother officers mourn for him.

A military police officer is a lonely person. At times the whole world is his enemy. He hears only from his critics and detractors.

Well, I think it is high time we begin to realize what a military police officer is.

He is our protector. Without him, society could not possibly function. He is our buddy -- a person we can always count on when we need him.

Military police officers are very special people. They have to be able to take the stress of what they do and still perform their duties well.

And what does a military police officer think about during those long, tedious and often very dangerous hours on duty? He or she thinks about us. He thinks about his post, and she says, "I do what I do because these are my people and this is my country."

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Jobs available

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Here is a list of jobs available at a variety of locations. If you would like information about these positions, contact the Outplacement Office at **561-2430**.

Headquarters, First U.S. Army and Fort George G. Meade, Maryland: Planner and Estimator (Carpenter), Plumber, Carpenter, Sewage Disposal Plant Operator, Public Relations/ Marketing Specialist, Computer Specialist.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service: Detention Enforcement Officer (Bakersfield, Calif.)

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Travis Air Force Base: Sports Specialist.

Dept. of Energy (Oakland and Livermore, Calif.): Interdisciplinary Environmental Engineer/Scientist, General Engineer.

Department of the Army, Military Traffic Management Command (Oakland, Calif.): Supervisory Computer Operator.

***Office of the Secretary of Defense* (Los Angeles):** Radio & Television Operations Specialist.

NEW JOB HUNT SERVICE

Brenda Peixotto and M.J. Helgerson, two of the Presidio's Outplacement Specialists, sent some interesting information. The Outplacement Division is pleased to announce the newest addition to the growing family of computerized job search programs, **America's Job Bank (AJB)**. AJB is computer software designed to help service members, their families, and U.S. Government civilian employees search for jobs.

Whether you are just planning for the future or looking for vacancies now, AJB will give you information on salary, employer requirements, job duties and job locations. Currently, AJB contains 50,000 private sector jobs and 2,000 Federal listings in the U.S. and elsewhere. The data are updated each week -- as jobs are filled and removed from the system, new job listings take their place.

Other self-help computer programs available to Presidians are: Career Search, Federal Jobs Now, and View Ads. All these programs are designed to expedite the job search process by identifying employers or work vacancies for the job seeker.

The Civilian Personnel Outplacement Specialists can assist you in your job search planning and aid you in the process of finding vacancies and applying for jobs. There are numerous resources in the Civilian Personnel Office to help you with your transition from the Presidio to your new career.

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP)/ Job Assistance Center (JAC) is offering **one-on-one counseling** to assist you in your job search, including the writing of an effective resume and preparing for interviews.

Counseling is available in Bldg 37, the first and third Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of every month. In addition, THE APAC/JAC will be available to help you with resume writing and provide access to our computerized **Army Employer Alumni Network (AEAN)**. For information, or to make an appointment, call Brenda at **561-2430**.

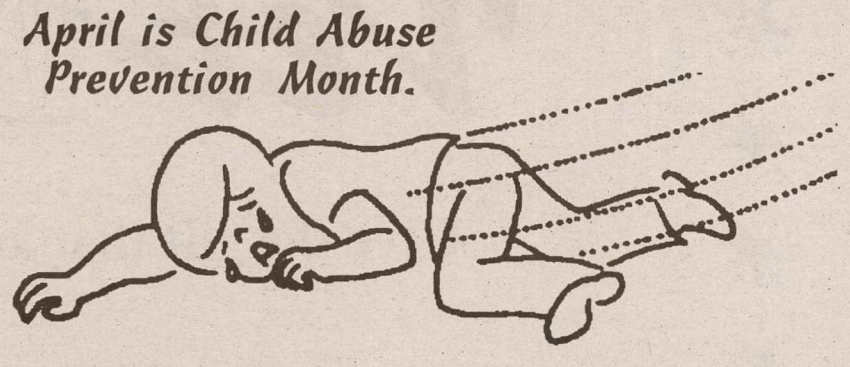
There will be a workshop on **resume writing**, 9 a.m. to noon, April 20, in Bldg. 37. To register, call **561-2554**.

All transition services are available to military service members, their families and Presidio civilian employees. Contact an Outplacement Specialist today for more information.

Child abuse prevention

Report suspected abuse

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff



The helpless child cries for love and attention. This is the only way she knows how to express her needs. She is helpless.

Her mother holds her ear as the cries echo through her head.

"Shut up!" she yells.

Angry, tired and frustrated, she decides to stop the cries of her helpless baby.

She shakes her. The cries get louder. She shakes her harder. The cries again grow.

The mother grabs the pillow and holds it over her baby's little face.

The baby dies.

The cries stop.

But there are still a million more children crying.

In the United States, 2.5 million children are abused annually. More than 2.7 million children were abused in 1991. Since 1980, the reports of abuse more than doubled. Three children die every day from child abuse. Right now as you read this article, a child is being beaten, for no reason, just because.

All over the news there are reports of abuse.

A 14-year-old baby sitter put two children in the dryer and turned it on. Why? Because they wouldn't go to bed. They suffered burns and bruises on their small bodies.

Six children, of three families, were found living in one room, with no utilities, inadequate clothing and sharing scraps of food with their dog. The parents were taken into custody, and had no idea why. One mother of the children was not there. She was in the hospital delivering another child, who would have to live in the filth. It was even an accident that the families were discovered.

Another child was treated for ulcerations on his back for years. It was later discovered that his mother was rubbing oven cleaner into his skin. And these are just the reported cases. Many cases go unreported.

There are four types of abuse: physical, sexual, emotional and neglect.

It is your moral obligation to report abuse. As government employees you are required by law to report expected abuse.

Physical abuse

Physical abuse ranges from shaking a crying baby to beating a child for having a bad report card.

Children suffer IQ drops, learning disabilities, may become drug abusers or commit suicide from the abuse.

Signs of physical abuse are:

--child has bruises, burns, lacerations or swelling caused by other than accidental means

--belt buckle marks or hand prints on the child

--child states injury caused by abuse

--child's injury unusual for age group

--child has history of previous injuries

--child is fearful or very passive

--care taker tries to hide injuries

Sexual abuse

Sexual abuse can be physical sexual acts on children, indecent exposure, obscene phone calls, peeping toms or violent acts such as rape or other physical abuse.

Children who have been sexually abused may become molesters themselves, run away, abuse drugs or commit suicide.

Signs of sexual abuse:

--child reports abuse to trusted person

--child has detailed and age inappropriate understanding of sexual behavior

--child wears torn, stained, bloody underwear

--child is victim of other forms of abuse,

Emotional abuse

--Emotional abuse hurts children with the power of words. Such as saying, "You are no good," or "I wish you were never born." Although no parents are perfect, if children continually hear negative statements they can suffer traumatically and lose their self esteem. It also effects their emotional development.

Signals of the abuse:

--child displays extreme behavior, such as fighting, lying and stealing

--child may appear defensive, shy or overly dependent,

--child verbally abuses others

Neglect

Neglect is not providing children with adequate clothing, food, medical and dental care or love and attention. Some experts believe babies can die if they are not loved. Neglect effects children much like physical abuse, their IQ drops, and they suffer learning disability, commit suicide and could even die.

Signs of neglect are:

--child lacks medical or dental care

--child is always sleepy or hungry

--child is dirty and doesn't wear the proper clothing for the weather conditions

--evidence of poor supervision

--unsafe or unsanitary home

Child abuse hurts everyone: children who are abused and society, because these children may become abusers themselves.

Report abuse to stop the on-going cycle.

To help prevent abuse, ask yourself some questions before you decide to have children.

Am I mature enough to be a parent?

Am I financially responsible?

Am I having children to fulfill my own emotional needs?

As a parent there are steps you can take to keep from abusing our children.

Stop. Take time out. Count to ten or 20 before you approach your children.

Put your child on a time out chair.

Set rules and stick to them. Children need set rules to help them develop.

If someone can watch your children, take a walk or a bath.

Don't always point out the bad points. Praise your children for their accomplishments. This can often be the best form of discipline.

There are parenting classes and stress management classes offered at Army Community Services. For information, call **561-5155**.

The baby cries for love and attention. And the mother gives it to her. By taking a deep breathe or reporting child abuse, you can help stop the children's cries.

Avoid disruption of health care benefits

The CHAMPUS Service Center recommends that beneficiaries enrolled in the TRICARE Prime health program take the appropriate steps to avoid any disruption of their health care benefits upon the downsizing of the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Letterman's Pediatric Clinic closed April 1. The Letterman Clinic is slated to end all services for Active Duty adult dependents and retirees and their dependents on June 1.

Beneficiaries of Active Duty service members remaining in the area who show the clinic as their Primary Care Manager (PCM) will need to select a civilian physician as their new PCM prior to these dates.

A listing of civilian physicians contracted with the TRICARE Prime program is available at the CHAMPUS Service Center, or by calling **1-800-451-8552**, extension 3169. A new TRICARE Prime identification card will be issued at the time a new PCM is selected.

If you have not received your enrollment card by today, please contact the Patient Service Center at Letterman. They may be reached at **561-4509** or **x4923**.

Beneficiaries who will be moving out of the catchment area to either Southern California or Hawaii will also need to select a new PCM.

The selection of a new PCM should be made after the beneficiary has moved.

A new TRICARE Prime member identification card will also be issued when a new Primary Care Manager has been selected.

Those leaving California will need to disenroll from TRICARE Prime prior to leaving the area.

For more information, call **1-800-451-8552**, extension 3169; the CHAMPUS Service Center at **(415) 561-0650** (on post at **9-561-0650**); or the Patient Service Center, **415-561-4509**. The CHAMPUS Service Center and Patient Service Center are co-located in Room 215 of the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic.

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Historical book available

Artillery at the Golden Gate: The Harbor Defenses of World War II, a book written by San Franciscan Brian B. Chin and featured in last week's *Star Presidian*, will be available at Golden Gate National Recreation Area stores in mid-April. If you would like to order directly from the publisher, write to Pictorial Histories Publishing Company, 713 South Third Street West, Missoula, Montana 59801.

Islamic Hajj planned

The Executive Director of the American Muslim Council has announced the Holy Pilgrimage (Hajj) for members of the Islamic Faith to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, May 8-30. Those of the Muslim faith who are interested in attending should contact the Post Chaplain at **561-4711**.

Tax Center open

April 15 is quickly approaching, and the Presidio Tax Center will be open on the last Saturday of the tax season in order to accommodate last-minute filers and those individuals who are unable to schedule an appointment during regular weekday hours. The Tax Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., tomorrow. Appointments are not necessary. Free state and federal tax preparation and electronic filing are available to soldiers, family members and retirees. Please call the Tax Center at **561-2829** for information.

Spouse Club meeting

Bring your friends and neighbors to the Presidio Spouses Group meeting, the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday at the Religious Activities Center. All services, ranks and spouses are invited. We will share our favorite ideas for family outings in the Bay Area -- bring your thoughts to share!

Advisory Board begins

The Presidio of San Francisco is establishing an environmental Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) and is seeking community members to be part of the RAB. The board's purpose is to promote public participation by involving the community in the decision-making process during the ongoing environmental restoration program.

The existing Technical Review Committee will be expanded to become a RAB. The board will be comprised of members of the local community, as well as representatives from the Army, the U.S. EPA, the National Park Service, and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and other regulatory and civic agencies.

Applications for membership are now being accepted. As a community member you need not have any special skills or qualifications. Duties include reviewing and commenting on technical documents regarding the environmental cleanup of the installation. Members will be expected to be available to community members to facilitate the exchange of information and concerns between the RAB and the community. Members are also expected to serve a two-year term and attend all meetings.

The application deadline ahs been extended to May 3, 1994. Applications can be obtained by calling or writing to the address below. A meeting to discuss RAB membership is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 12, 1994 at the Golden Gate Club (Lincoln and Sheridean Streets) on the Presidio of San Francisco.

For more information write or call Ms. Rena Davies, Sixth Army Public Affairs, Building 38, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-7000. (415) 561-3952/3660.

New AMC Travel info

Effective immediately, all Army personnel traveling Air Mobility Command (AMC) and non-AMC flights on PCS orders, TDY, emergency leave or space available are

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Holocaust survivor says Remember not to forget

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

More than 120 Jews were crammed into the cattle car. They were given no food or water for the four-day trip to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Many died on their journey to hell. There was no room for the dead bodies to fall. The living Jews cleared a corner to pile up the dead bodies of tiny babies and older people.

"We were under house arrest for four years without radios, electricity or running water, but we had no idea what was going on," said Ernie Hollander, a Hungarian Jew who was taken to a concentration camp in 1944. "We were told we were under house arrest and had to wear the gold stars for our own good because the Russians were killing Jews.

"After four years, German soldiers took us to the ghettos, where we were loaded onto cattle cars," the gray haired gentleman continued. "We were crammed so tight, but my father said it would be a short journey. We didn't think anyone would be so cruel not to give us food or water if we were going on a long journey."

Along with Hollander, his mother, father, three sisters, ages 3, 5, and 7, one older brother and a younger brother were taken to the concentration camp. Hollander was only 15.

"When we arrived at Auschwitz, we were glad because there was a band playing and a sign that read, 'If you work hard, you will be treated good.' Right behind the signs were the gas chambers," Hollander remembered. "There were two lines. Dr. Mengele did not ask people how old they were, he just looked us in the eyes. The very young, old and unhealthy people were put in the left line. My mother wouldn't leave my sisters. She said she was staying with her babies. A guard hit her over the head with a rifle. He took my mother and sisters and said they were going to get a shower. Can you imagine? It had been months since some people had gotten a shower. They were just running. First they shaved their hair. Instead of water coming from the faucets, gas came out. By that time, the Germans didn't want to waste too much gas, so they just poured enough out so people couldn't stand on their own. Then they were shoveled into the ovens when they were still alive."

The Jews who weren't killed yet were given one piece of bread and a little water.

"The next four days was the worst of our lives -- of everyone's life. We were beaten up to 10 times a day for no reason," said the 65-year-old, who now wears a gray yarmulke on the crown of his head. "One guard would beat you up because you were walking too slow. Then you would walk faster and the next guard would beat you up for walking to fast.

"There were at least 1,000 people in a barrack. Eight people slept in a bunk-- a bunk that you could normally put only two people in. We would sleep four people with their heads at one side, then another four people the opposite way," Hollander said as his eyes became red and glassy. "We were taken out for counting about eight times a day. Two people were too sick to come out so they stayed on their bunks. So the guards beat the rest of us with rubber pipes that were full of lead. The two people were killed.

"They were always taking bodies out to the gas chambers. They tried to change groups every six to seven weeks, because they were afraid we would inform others about what was going on," he added. "We could smell the flesh burning from the chimneys. It was horrid."

Four days after arriving to Auschwitz, Hollander and his father and younger brother went to another concentration camp, Ailenbusch. Hollander was one of four people who were tasked with flattening a hill, by hand, for the German railroads.

In the morning, they were given a cup of black coffee, then they would work 10 to 15 hours a day. 32,000 Jews would gather in four lines at the end of the work day to get what was called potato soup.

"We never saw any potatoes," Hollander said. "The guards would eat first. They got all the potatoes. Then the potato peels were put in the pans with water. That is what they called potato soup. We ate that every day."

Then four people would get a piece of bread to share.

"We would take a straw to measure the pieces. Sometimes it would take us four hours to divide the bread," Hollander said as he tore off pieces of his own bread demonstrating how small the pieces would get. "Sometimes we would end up with 20 crumbs for all of us to eat."

At Ailenbusch, 35 Jews would sleep in a tent that normally slept four people.

"In the winter this was good because we would keep each other warm. But in the summer the heat was terrible," Hollander said.

Each day people would drop from exhaustion or not have the strength to get out of their tent in the morning. These innocent people were shot.

"The Germans used only one bullet," Hollander said. "They would never waste two bullets on us, even if the first didn't kill a person immediately."

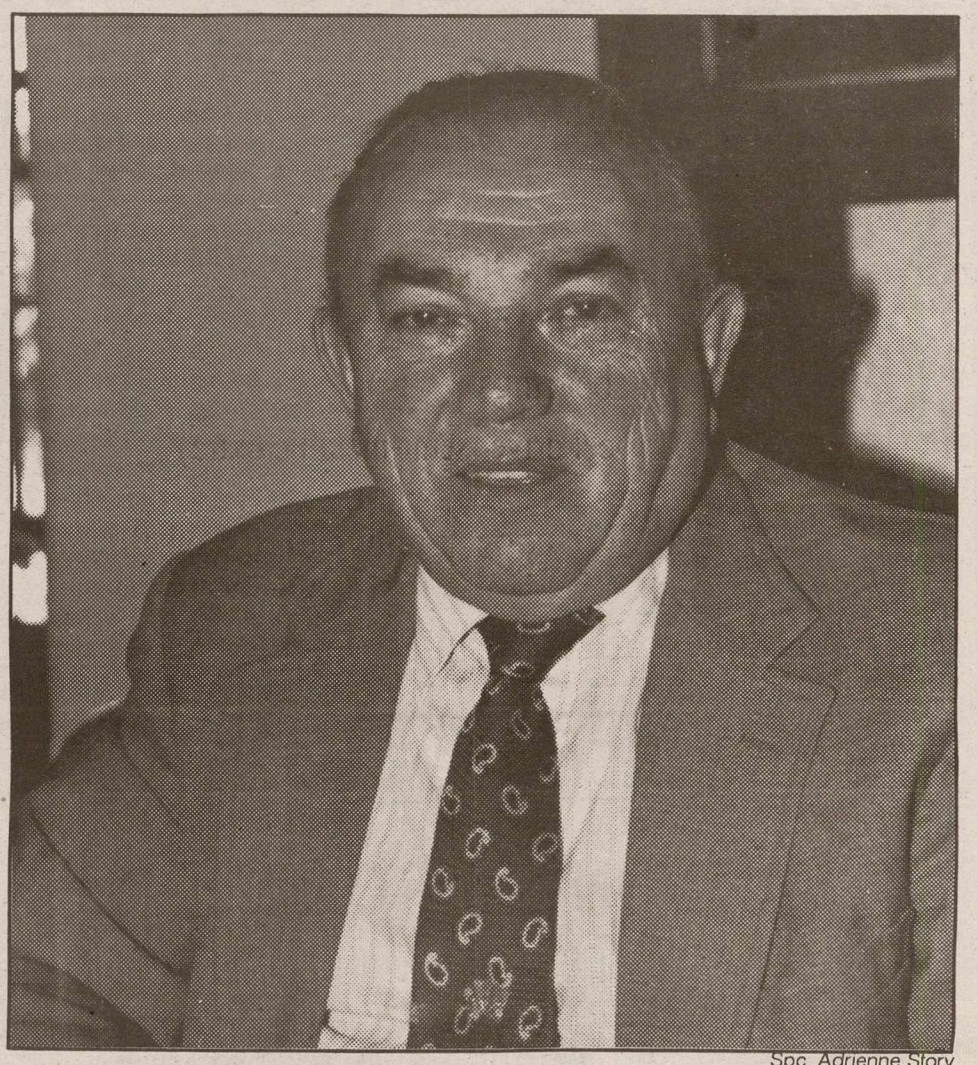
People would lie in their own blood, suffering before they escaped through death.

Hollander had to carry cement while he worked. One day he nearly dropped dead from exhaustion. He was so sick and tired, he was unable to eat his bread. Hollander told his younger brother to eat his bread, then he would eat more the next day. His brother told him to save the bread until morning, but another hungry prisoner stole the crumbs from Hollander's pocket as he slept.

"We were like animals. We saw other's death as benefits for ourselves. When someone died, we would take their jackets, because it may have been in better shape than ours. That was the only way we could trade out our clothes. We wore the same clothes always. They were never cleaned or fixed," Hollander said as he held back his tears. "Dead bodies were just thrown into ditches. They weren't covered every day. Sometimes we would crawl down in those ditches and take the clothes off the dead bodies. The way we tolerated the deaths and the treatment was by not thinking. We couldn't think. If I had to walk somewhere on my own, it would take me an hour to think of how to do it. After everything, our brains just didn't work. We were worse than animals."

Hollander volunteered to be a blacksmith so he would not have to carry cement. He told his father before he volunteered he was going to take a chance. The next time he had the chance to take another job, he was going to do it. His father begged him not to do it, because the Germans would have killed him if they knew Hollander knew nothing about being a blacksmith, but Hollander knew he would die soon if he continued to carry heavy cement every day. Taking this chance saved his life.

While Hollander was working in one building, his father was pushing wood into a saw in the next building. The wood was very cold. His father wrapped rags around his hands. While pushing in a piece of wood, one of his rags got caught in the saw. The weak man did not have the strength to pull his hand back. His left hand was cut off. Seconds later, a guard shot him. Hollander ran over to see what happened. He saw his father dead on the ground.



Spc. Adrienne Story

Holocaust survivor, Ernie Hollander reflects on living in fear in concentration camps for 18 months. He will be the guest speaker Thursday at the Presidio Officers' Club during the Holocaust Commemorative breakfast.

"That had to be the worst thing for me, because I thought that I would have to take care of my brother and answer his questions like my father once did, but I didn't know how," Hollander said. "If I could think like I do now, I would have torn that guard's eyes out."

Hollander saw at least 32,000 people die. He said he did not see one person commit suicide. "I know no one could think to make a plan to kill themselves. We were just numb."

After spending 18 months in concentration camps, Hollander and his younger brother went on a death march to the concentration camp at Dachau: 30,000 Jews were marching without food or water. The German guards shot those who couldn't continue walking.

"We would have to take those who stopped walking in a wagon, and every now and then we would stop marching to dig a ditch to put those people in," Hollander remembered. "Every day we tossed in hundreds of people who would raise their hands from the ditch and beg to us to save them. They were still alive, but there was nothing we could do. Hundreds of people were beaten to death while we marched.

"We saw American planes fly by. The German guards ran away, but even without the guards, we marched in a straight line, because we were afraid there was someone somewhere," Hollander said. "Japanese-Americans passed by with trucks and threw us bread and water, but we were still afraid to pick it up, because we thought they were Japanese and they would kill us if we ate the bread."

Finally, the Jews arrived at the concentration camp, but they were still afraid so many went into hiding. A group of American soldiers put up hospitals and gave food to the liberated prisoners. Many people got food poisoning because they ate too fast, said Hollander, who weighed 90 pounds when he was liberated.

Hollander's older brother was killed in the last minutes of the war, when he heard gun fire between the American soldiers and German soldiers. He looked to see what was happening and was shot by a German guard. Hollander found out he had an older sister alive in a hospital. It took them six weeks to find each other. She and Hollander's younger brother came to the United States, but she died from typhoid shortly after they arrived. Hollander's oldest brother was taken from his home while the rest of the family was still on house arrest. Hollander met someone who said he knew his brother, and that he had been shot, but a year and a half ago, after appearing on a talk show to debate neo-Nazis, Hollander found out his oldest brother was still alive. They will be seeing each other soon.

Recently, Hollander went back to the concentration camps to see if he saw them the same way after he was a grown man.

"All the pain came back. After I left there, I was a 100 times worse," he said. "It was like reliving that time and seeing all those dead bodies again."

As far as freedom, Hollander, who bears the wrinkles of holocaust on his face, feels he will never be free.

"I am not free. The fear never goes away," he concluded. "Even if there is just a highway patrolman behind me, my blood pressure goes up, I get very nervous, and lower my speed. If he stays behind me I take the next exit. After witnessing what I had to, I will never be free from the pain and fear. Everyone should remember not to forget. That way, they won't forget to do something to stop another holocaust.

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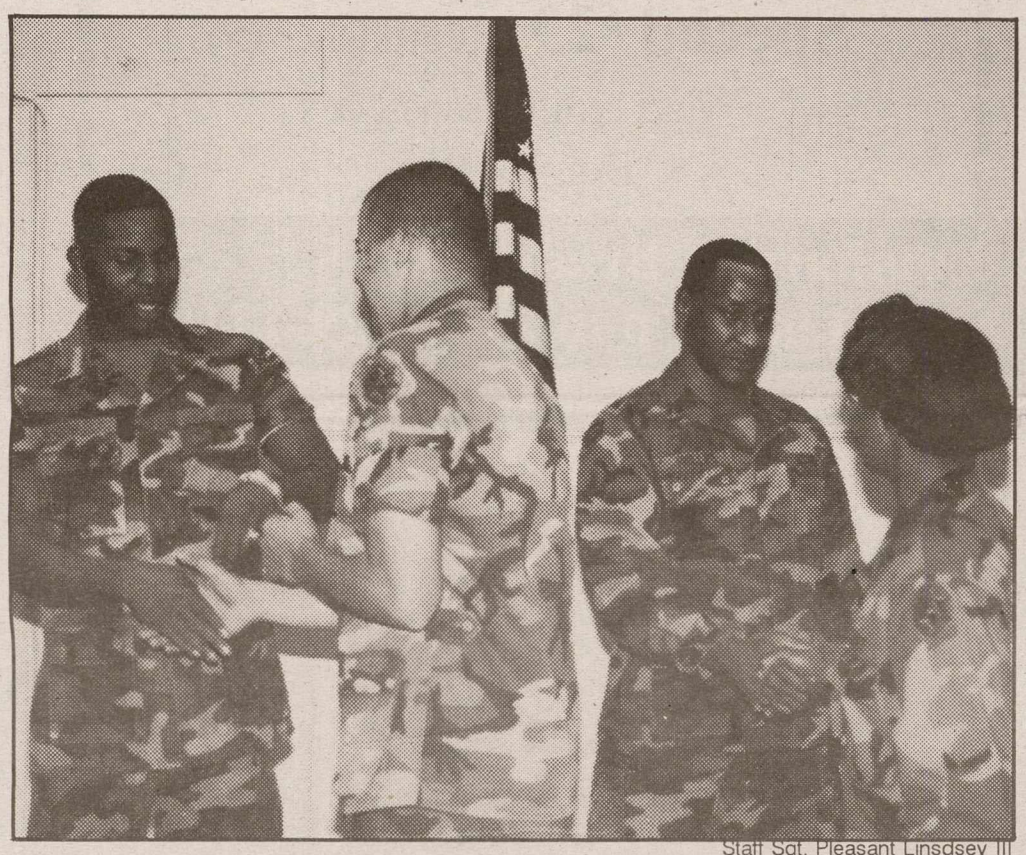
Robert W. Somers, systems accountant, Directorate of Resource Management, earned an achievement medal for civilian service. Barbara Gannon, Garrison Manager, presented the award recently. Somers received the award for his dedicated service from August 1, 1977 to Feb. 28.

Spc. Adrienne Story

Maj. Rodney Dixon, Major Wanda Arceneaux, Lt. Col. Thomas Gallegos, Lt. Col. Richard Werner, Capt. Kerk Brown, Capt. Jeffery Quinn and Sgt. 1st Class Frederic Jonesreceived Army Commendation Medals for their support during the Los Angeles earthquake. Col. Kenneth Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mobilization and Evaluation presented the awards.



Staff Sgt. Pleasant Linsdsey III

Kenneth Phillips, a finance specialist, Finance Liaison office, was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. Pepukayie Nunally, Strength Management Office was promoted to the rank of private first class April 1. Both soldiers are with Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Veronica Martinez, garrison commander's secretary, received a $250 award for providing exceptional typing support for U.S. Army Garrison in December 1993. Col. Gregory A. Renn, Garrison commander, presented the award.

Wepster from Page 1

"The total Army's future end strength will also affect the reserve component's readiness," Wepster said. The reserve component will face cuts in strength as the Army gets smaller, but Wepster said this will give it the opportunity to work toward becoming a leaner, meaner force.

"The bottom line is the dollars have been cut, so the force structure has to be cut. Because of closure and realignment, we no longer have the active component presence out there to train the reserve component that we used to have. We don't have the Capstone association whereby each active unit had a link with a reserve unit. Now a lot of reserve units are without a training or warfighting tie to an active unit.

"It's hard to tie a specific reserve component unit to an active component unit because there are no more regional planning associations. Today, a unit could respond to a conflict anywhere around the world," Wepster said. "The reserve component must have active component help for training and evaluating its soldiers to be able to respond to worldwide contingencies."

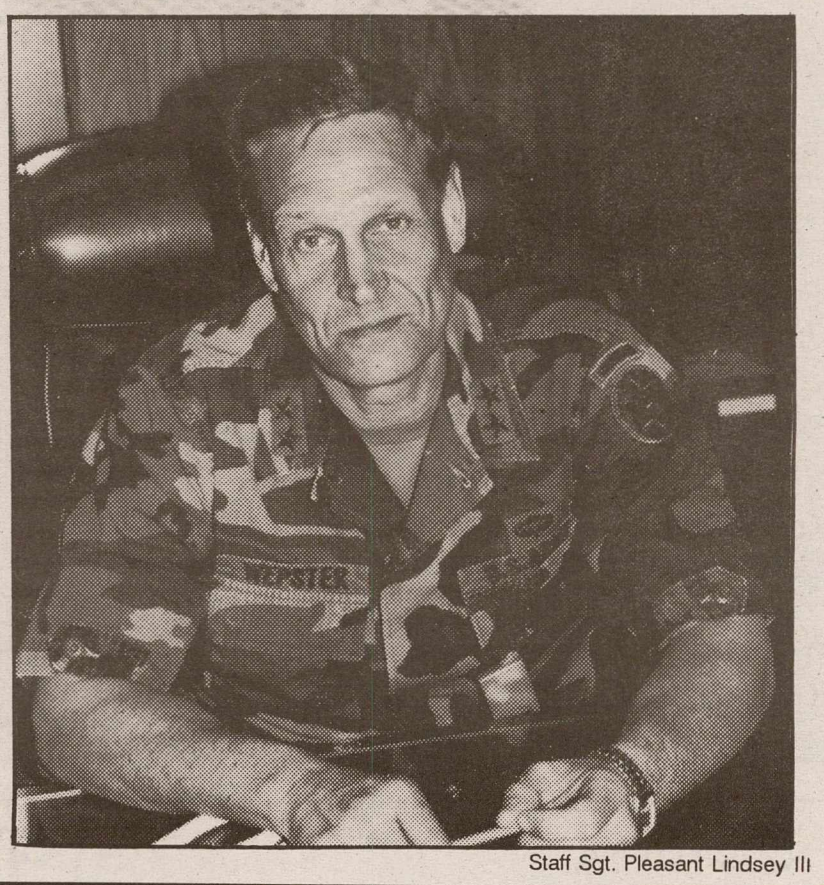
This is important because the active component can no longer meet all requirements for a regional conflicts.

"Although the Army is downsizing, the reserve component's role hasn't changed. It will get involved in conflicts sooner than ever before and be involved in more things," Wepster said.

This will be a tall order to fill, since the reserve component soldier must still adjust his or her civilian life to fit in with the reserve component scheme. This includes juggling family and employment needs with the needs of the Army.

Wepster said reserve component soldiers are just as committed as the active duty soldiers, are involved in their community and are as patriotic as anyone.

"As a reserve soldier, I want to be told that I'm a good soldier, and I want the active duty soldier to tell me how to do it better," Wepster said.



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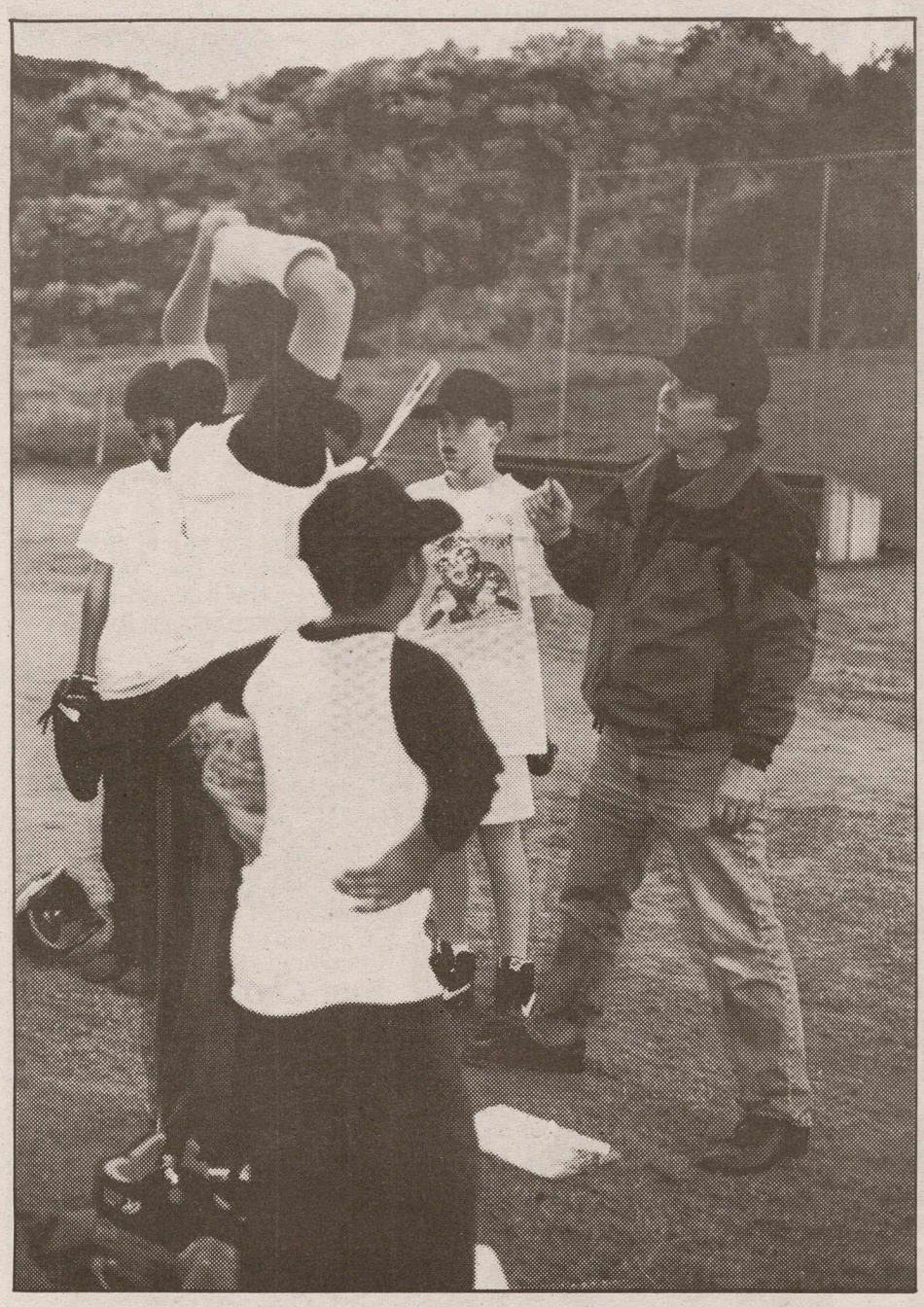
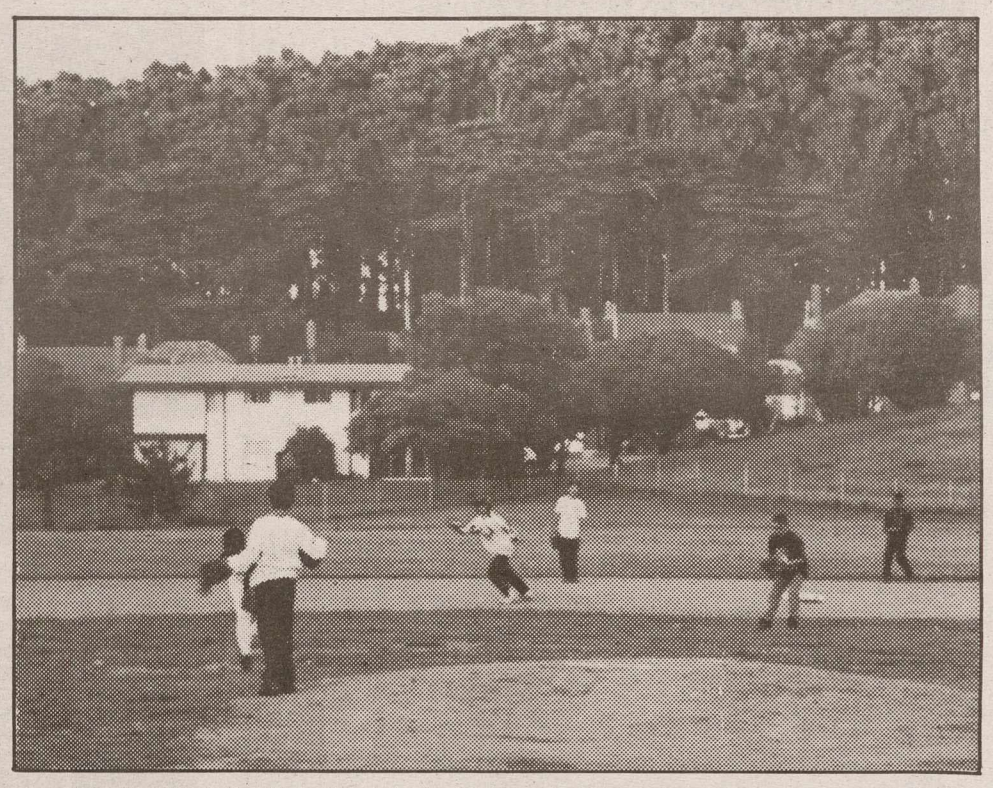
Everything must be practiced, including running the base paths after a hit.



Pontificating on the finer points of baseball, Head Ranger Bill Boehm goes over details with some Bronco Division players.



As the fielders bobble the ball, his teammates prepare for one of the sports more exciting moments — the rundown on the base paths.

Baseball bandits

Story & photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Rangers are geared up for another season of San Francisco Youth Baseball, sponsored by the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department.

The Rangers of the Bronco Division played their first game Tuesday evening, losing a heartbraker to the Sunset Socks, 12-11, at Rossi Playground in San Francisco.

The Rangers include teams in four age groups. T-ball is for 6-, 7-, and 8-year-old first -time players. The Pinto Division is for 7- and 8-year-olds, Mustang is for 9- and 10-year-olds and Bronco includes players ages 11 and 12.

The teams practice every Tuesday and Friday evening on Paul Goode Field at the east end of Portola Street on post.

Saturday will be the opening day of the season for Rangers in the T-ball and Pinto divisions.

The Pinto Division Rangers will play at 10 a.m. on alice Chalmers Field in Daly City, Calif.

The T-ball Rangers' game will be played at 2 p.m. at Hamilton Recreation Center, on Geary between Scott and Steiner, in the City. The Mustang Rangers haven't been scheduled as of this writing.

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authorized to wear civilian clothing. Army personnel must ensure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion and reflect positively on the Army. Conservative styles and fashions are authorized. Tank tops or t-shirts worn as outer garments, shorts, sandals, and revealing, soiled or torn clothing are some examples of inappropriate civilian attire.

Sailing lessons

The Presidio Yacht Club is offering sailing lessons. Classes start April 30 and run every other weekend through August at the Presidio Yacht Club, East Fort Baker. Membership in the Yacht Club is not required, and all active duty, retired military, family members, and federal employees are eligible to attend. Space is limited, so call the Presidio Yacht Club at **332-2319** for information and reservations.

GMA Test

The Education Center, Bldg. 1216, will administer the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 20. The GMAT is given free to active or reserve military personnel who plan to pursue a graduate degree in business. Interested soldiers may order a test not later than May 17 during an in-person counseling session at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, **561-2974/4445**.

CLEP English with Essay

The CLEP English with Essay general exam will be given at 1 p.m., June 21, in the Education Center, Bldg. 1216. This examination is for soldiers attending or planning to attend colleges (such as Regents College) which require this test rather than the multiple choice CLEP English general exam. There is no fee, but you must order your examination in person by May 17 at the Education Center, **561-2974/4445**.

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April 17 - Greedy (PG-13)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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Water Rafting Retreat

The Presidio Chapels are sponsoring a soldier's white water rafting retreat, May 12-13. The first 20 soldiers can sign up at $25 per person. Non-soldiers (family and friends) cost $70 per person and need to be cleared by Chaplain (Capt.) Randall Dolinger. We depart the Religious Activity Center at 1 p.m., May 12. We will camp out overnight, with volleyball and a visit to where the gold rush began. You will need your own camping gear (check with Outdoor Recreation). On May 13, we will go down 14 miles of the South Fork of the American River, which is eight miles north of Placerville, Calif. The river is rated Class III. We will return to the Religious Activity Center by about 9 p.m. Sign up with Cpl. Marina Urroz at **561-4719**. or contact Chaplain Dolinger at beeper **245-0458**.

Correction

In the March 25 edition of the *Star Presidian*, there was an error in the article on VSIP. The article should have read that the application window for VSIP closed March 31 and that returned SF 52s on approved applications needed to be returned to CPO by April 6. The staff of the *Star Presidian* apologizes for the mistake.

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DPW column

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DPW Customer Relations

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Starting Monday and continuing through May 2, Bay Pacific Pipeline will be trenching and laying new water pipes in the 500, 700 and 800 areas. Work will begin in the 800 area and continue east through the 500 area. At this time, there are no scheduled water outages. However, if an existing line is accidentally broken, you may experience diminished water pressure or an outage for a brief time while repairs are being made. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at **561-3711**.

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Who are the people that come to your rescue, after duty hours, when a water pipe breaks? From DPW, it could be Stanley Lunskis or, from the National Park Service, Kirk Thomas. Lunskis is on duty Sunday through Wednesday, and Thomas works Thursday through Sunday. Information regarding a household maintenance emergency can be relayed to them by calling **561-4505**. Should the problem be more than one person can handle, they can request assistance through their respective supervisors.

Ransone Company will be on the installation through the end of the year repairing and paving Presidio roads and parking lots. Information will be posted in the *Star Presidian* and *Weekly Bulletin* as it becomes known regarding road closures or MUNI bus line re-routing.

One week down of spring cleaning with two weeks to go! Post-wide cleanup will continue through April 15. Starting April 18, quarters occupants will have the opportunity to wrestle with those stubborn weeds that seem to appear overnight. Here is the cleanup schedule:

April 18: 1-100, 300, 1500, 1700 area.
April 19: 400, 500, 800 area.
April 20: 900, 100, 1200 area.
April 21: 1300, 1400 area.
April 22: Fort Baker areas 500, 600, 800; Presidio area 700.

The time period for quarters cleanup is 12:30 -4:30p.m. Please contact your area coordinator for instructions pertaining to your area.

April 20 has been designated for disposal of **hazardous waste**. A site, as yet undetermined, will accept hazardous wastes such as paint, oil, solvents, thinners, herbicides, pesticides, cleaners (caustic and flammable) and other household poisons. Watch for a flyer stating time and location.

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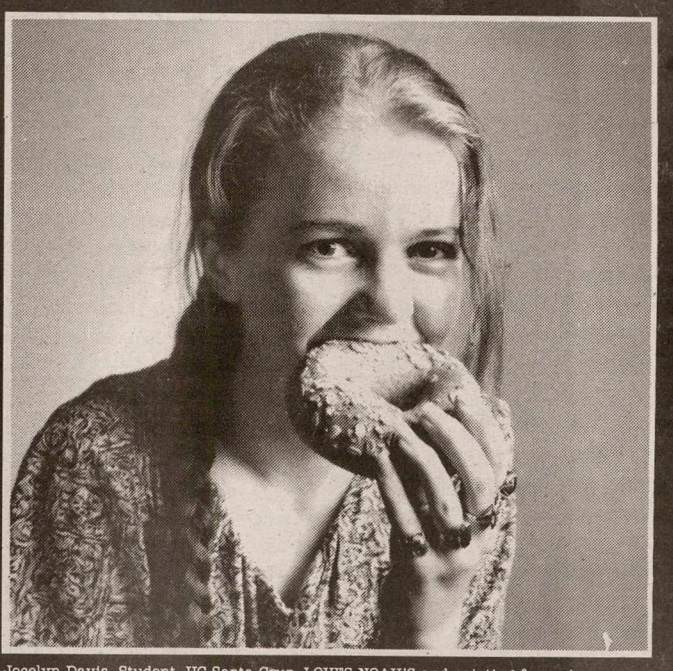

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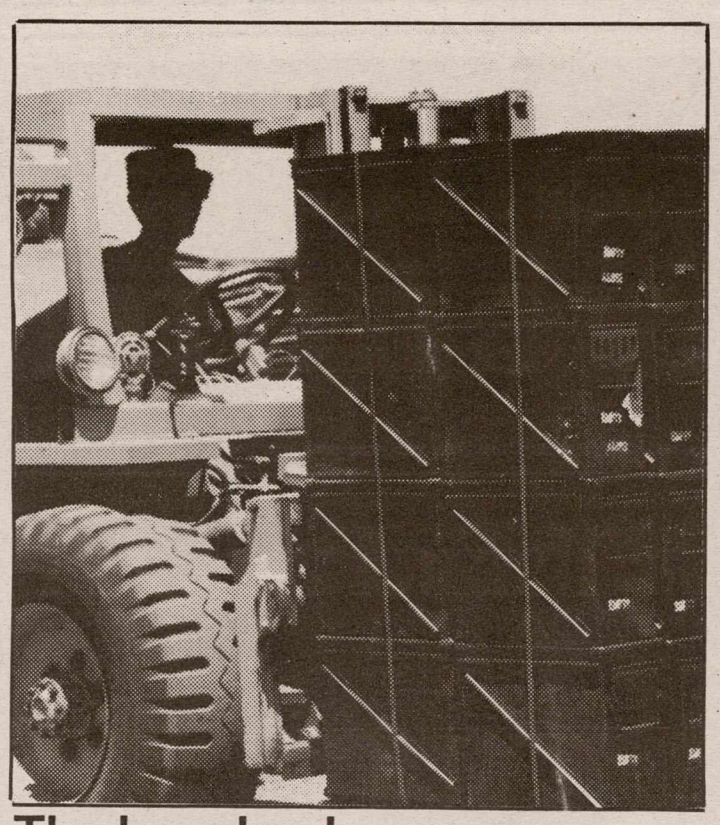

The long haul

A United States Army Reserve soldier moves ammo cases during his two-week drill. The Reserve Component needs volunteers, mostly for heavy- and medium-vehicle operators, inventory specialists, materiel handling personnel and mechanics.

Army Reserves need volunteers

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The U.S. Army Reserve needs about 300 Individual Ready Reserve volunteers right away, for 139-day tours in Germany, to support Operation Retro-Eur.

The Reserve mostly needs heavy- and medium-vehicle operators, inventory specialists, materiel-handling personnel and mechanics. Some food-service, administrative and supply people are also called for.

Retro-Eur's purpose is to perform maintenance on Army equipment left behind in Europe as a result of the drawdown of U.S. forces. After required maintenance, the equipment will go into storage, be sent to units in the United States, or be sold.

One 139-day tour is scheduled for fiscal 1994 and two for fiscal 1995. This year's rotation is slated for May 9, beginning with a five-day orientation at Fort Knox, Ky. Volunteers will then go in two provisional companies to Kaiserslautern and Germershiem, Germany. This tour ends Sept. 24.

Volunteers must be qualified in one of the listed military occupational specialties and must be physically qualified for active duty. IRR soldiers wishing to apply, or who want more information, should contact their personnel management NCOs at the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center --

-- Logistics, **800-325-4712**;

-- Transportation, **800-325-4712**; or

-- Administration, **800-325-4752**.

For further information, call the Operations Branch at DSN **892-2877** or commercial, **(314) 538-2877**.

The following MOSs and pay grades are in demand for Retro-Eur:

-- 63B (Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic), E-3, E-4, E-6, E-7. Positions: 20.

-- 63H (Tracked Vehicle Repair) E-4, E-6. Positions: 8.

-- 71L (Administration), E-4, E-6, E-7. Positions: 7.

-- 75B (Personnel Administration), E-4. Positions: 2.

-- 76C (PLL Clerk), E-4, E-5. Positions: 2.

-- 76P (Materiel management), E-4 through E-6. Positions: 28.

-- 76V (Materiel Storage), E-4 through E-6. Positions: 25.

-- 76Z (1st Sergeant), E-8. Positions: 2.

-- 77F (POL Handling), E-5, E-6. Positions: 2.

-- 88M (Heavy Vehicle Operator), E-4 through E-6. Positions: 73.

-- 92A (Storage Handling), E-3 through E-7. Positions: 109.

-- 92Y (Supply), E-4 through E-6. Positions: 6.

-- 94B (Cook), E-4 through E-7. Positions: 13.

(From an ARPERCEN release)

Military financial aid directory published

Veterans, military personnel, and their dependents make up more than one third of America's population. Each year, public and private agencies set aside **more than $3 billion in financial aid** for these groups. Yet, according to the Consumer Education Research Center, a substantial portion of this aid goes unclaimed, because potential recipients (and the librarians or counselors who serve them) are unfamiliar with existing benefits. As Senator Robert Dole has pointed out, "Realizing which benefits are available, as well as how and where they may be pursued" can be "an intimidating process."

Now, with the publication of *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Dependents, 1994-1996*, the process is demystified. Fundseekers can turn to just one source to find a complete listing of not only federal and state financial benefits but the hundreds of privately-funded programs as well. The 1994-1996 edition is completely updated (more than 60 percent of the continuing programs have been changed substantively) and more than 150 new programs have been added. In all, more than 950 scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants-in-aid, awards, and internships established for those with ties to the military are described. These programs are open to applicants at any level (from high school through postdoctorate) for education, research, travel, career development, or emergency situations. Some examples:

-- $1,000/year to college students whose parents have served overseas.

-- $1,000 for veterans who served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

-- $400/month for reservists going to college.

-- $8,000 to Eagle Scouts with parents in the American Legion.

-- Up to $150,000 in loans for businesses owned by disabled veterans.

-- Income and property exemptions for veterans in selected states.

In addition to its comprehensive coverage, the 1994-96 edition of *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Dependents* offers several unique features. Covered here are hundreds of financial aid opportunities not listed in any other source. Unlike other funding directories, which generally follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, this one groups entries by both recipient group (veterans, military personnel, and dependents) and type of program (e.g., scholarships, loans, grants-in-aid). The same convenience is offered in the indexes, where the entries are similarly subdivided by recipient group and program type. With this organization, users with one set of characteristics (e.g., children of veterans) will be able to find all programs set aside specifically for them -- and not be distracted or waste time sorting through descriptions of programs intended for members of the other groups. Additionally, a calendar index has been included, so fundseekers working with specific time constraints can pinpoint programs by filing date.

The unique value of this directory has been praised by the reviewers. *Reference Book Review* wrote, "This is the most comprehensive guide available on the subject of financial aid for those with ties to the military." According to *American Reference Books Annual*, "The number of eligible personnel (both veterans and their dependents), plus the content and format of this directory, makes its purchase very attractive." *Booklist* concludes that "This book fills a noteworthy gap" and that libraries across the country "should make this well-conceived and useful information source a part of their reference collection."

Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Dependents, 1994-1996 is written by Gail A. Schlachter and R. David Weber, who are also the authors of the award-winning *Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families*. In addition to an extensive career in publishing and librarianship, Dr. Schlachter was the reference book review editor of *RQ* for 10 years, has served on the Councils of both the American and California Library Associations, and is a past president of the American Library Association's Reference and Adult Services Division. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to reference librarianship, Dr. Schlachter has been awarded the prestigious Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award by the American Library Association. Dr. Weber, who teaches economics at the college level, has been named "Teacher of the Year" at East Los Angeles College for the past three years. He has written a number of critically-acclaimed reference books and, with Dr. Schlachter, is the author of several Reference Service Press financial aid titles.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Dependents, 1994-1996*, write to Reference Service Press, 1100 Industrial Road, Suite 9, San Carlos, Calif., 94070.

(Information provided by Reference Service Press)

SGLI monthly premiums increase

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- Monthly premiums for Servicemen's Group Life Insurance will increase July 1, according to Defense Department Officials.

The premium will increase from eight cents per $1,000 of coverage to nine cents per $1,000 of coverage. Soldiers who carry the maximum coverage of $200,000 can expect to see their monthly premium increase of $16 to $18.

The new amount will be reflected on soldiers' July leave and earnings statements, officials said.

The SGLI premium rate has held steady for the last 10 years; the last change was a decrease in 1984 that lowered the rate from 11.6 cents per $1,000 coverage to the present eight cents. The Department of Veterans Affairs considers the new rate of nine cents per $1,000 of insurance to be the current "break-even point" for SGLI reserve funds.

SGLI remains "a very valuable and affordable benefit," said a VA official. It is also "possibly the only life insurance program available to all active-duty servicemembers and many reservists that does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, personal lifestyle, avocation or vocation."

For more information or to enroll in SGLI, soldiers should contact their local finance office.

Intramural tourney

USAG #II, LUSAHC extend records

LEC 59
USAG #II 65

Donnell Warren and Andre Clark dominated the offensive boards and helped USAG #II chalk up a victory over Law Enforcement Company in the Post Intramural Tournament Tuesday night in Gym No. 1, Building 63.

Warren and simmons put the first four points on the board, but LEC's Gene Allen answered with a 3-point shot to give LEC the lead, 7-6. At the 7:40 mark, Simmons grabbed his own rebound and laid in two points as USAG retook the lead, 17-16. However, LEC's Moses Logan drove the lane twice for scores and USAG was faced with a 22-17 deficit.

USAG's Anthony Handy came in to spell Warren, caught a pass at half court and beat LEC's Richard Johnson to the hoop to tie the game, 23-23. Handy later stole a pass at his own end of the court and went coast to coast for the score and a 28-27 USAG lead.

Warren reentered the game to face Sergio Banales for a battle of the boards, scoring two more points to give USAG the lead at halftime, 35-31.

LEC tried to take command of the game in the second half. Kelly Mitchell and Allen both scored baskets. Jerome Rogan was called for a technical foul and Allen sank both shots from the charity stripe. Then, Seann Lindstrom threw a bomb from one end of the court to the other, hitting Allen three steps from the basket. Allen laid it in to give LEC the lead, 54-47 with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

But USAG wasn't finished. With 4:47 left, Simmons drove the baseline and dropped in two points. Next, Clark took a pass from Lucas and was fouled by Banales beneath the hoop. Clark hit both free throws to tie the game 54-54.

After Banales fouled out LEC had no one to really challenge Warren on the offensive boards. USAG made them pay. Rogan stripped the ball from LEC's Allen and tossed a pass to Warren who sank the basket and put USAG back on top, 58-56.

Trailing 61-59 with 1:09 on the clock and no timeouts left, LEC tried to control the clock by fouling USAG and making USAG's players score from the freethrow line. But that wasn't enough, as Lucas and Rogan sank one free throw each and Summers added two more points to seal the victory.

LEC's Allen led all scorers with 26 points, including two 3-pointers, and Johnson added 12. USAG's high scorers were Warren, 23 points; Simmons, 16 points; and Clark, 14 points.

LUSAHC 50
6th Recruiting Bde. 45

Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic rebounded from a first half deficit by firing off 14 unanswered points to start the second half and take the game away from 6th Recruiting.

Starting the second half trailing 34-22, LUSAHC's Bobby McMorris, Wayne Rogers and Willie Killens engineered their teams fast breaks as Jered White and Demetrius Allen took care of their offensive rebounds, enabling them to narrow the score to 36-33 with 8:33 remaining. Rogers was fouled from 3-point range by 6th Recruiting's Robert Harvey and sank all three free throws to tie the game, 36-36.

LUSAHC's Bradley Switter and White grabbed a total of four offensive rebounds for eight more points to give LUSAHC the lead, 47-43, with less than a minute left.

Sixth Recruiting Bde.'s high scorers were James Cole, 14 points (three 3-pointers); and Harvey, 11 points. LUSAHC's high scorers were Rogers, White and McMorris with 11 points each.

LUSAHC 60
FBI 73

High scorers, LUSAHC — Rogers 25, White 17; FBI — Broderic 33 (13-15 free throws), Black 18 (6-8 free throws).

USAG #I 58
USAG #II 51

High scorers: USAG #I — Harter 27 (8-12 free throws); USAG #II — Warren 16, Simmons 14.

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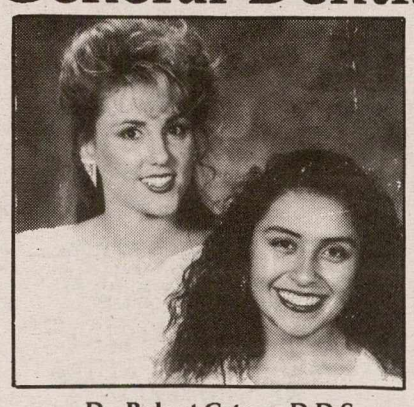
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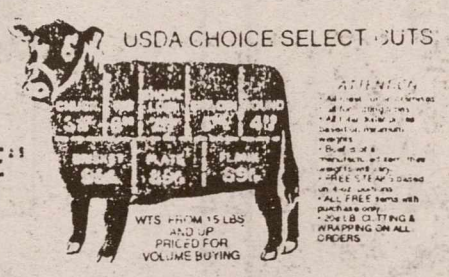

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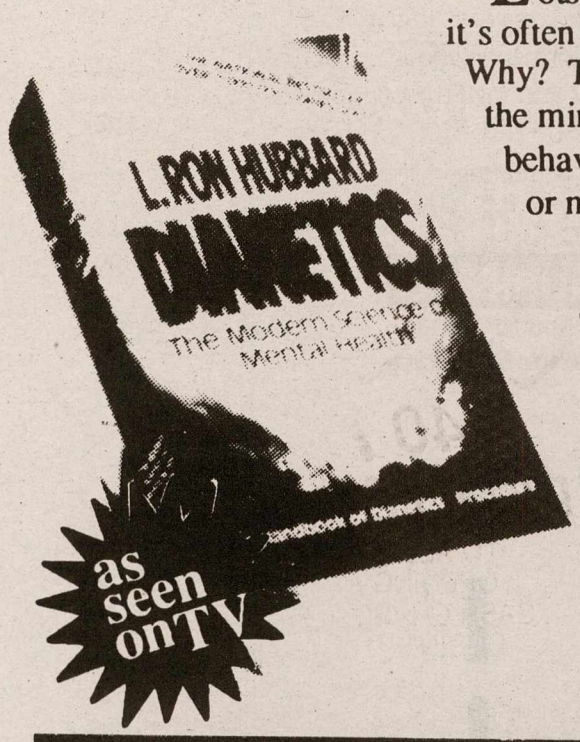

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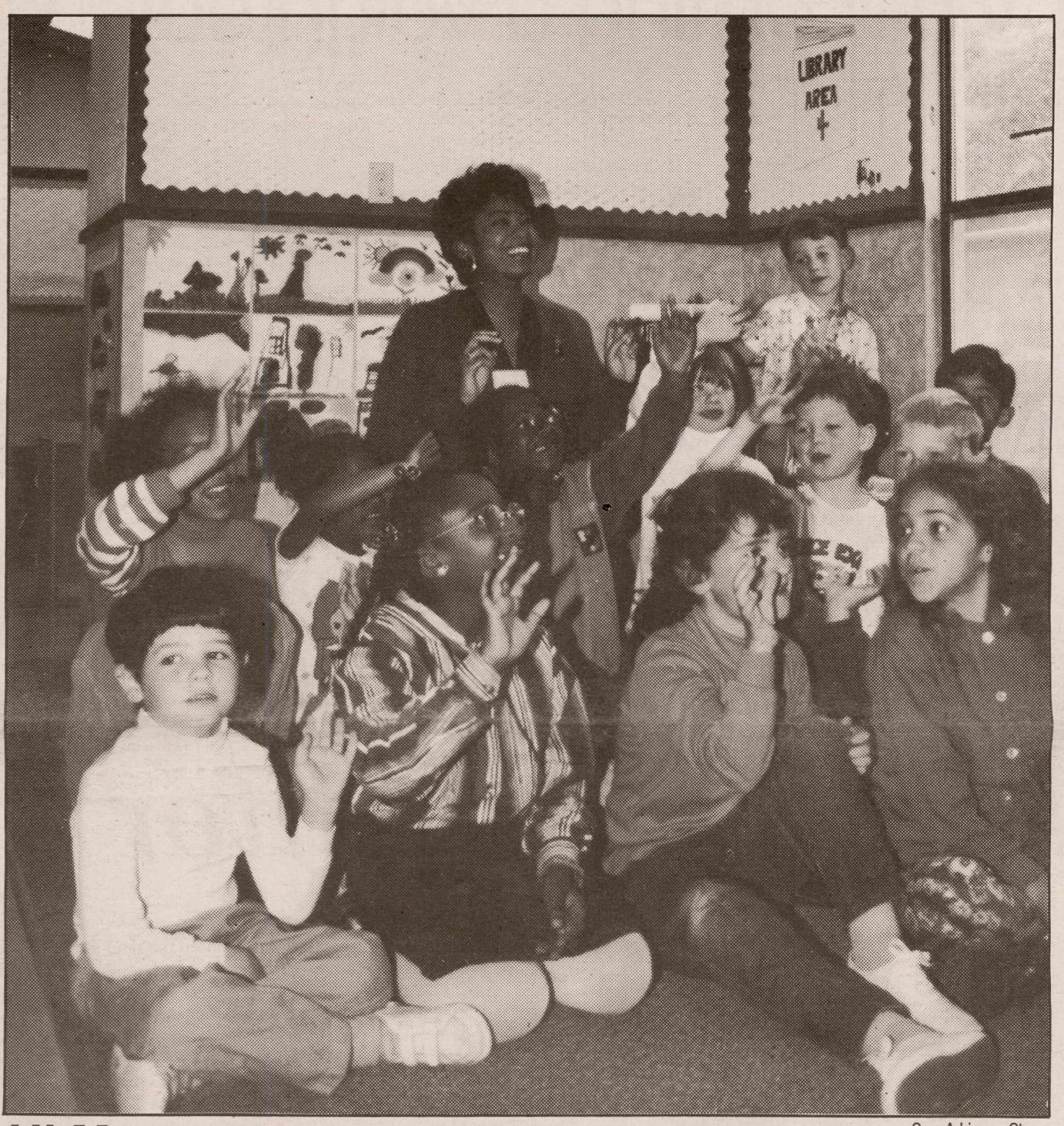


Spc. Adrienne Story

Hi Mom

Janice Huff, Channel 4 Meteorologist, taught school age children at the Child Development Center how she predicts the weather. This was one of the activities the CDC held in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

Equipment turn in:
The last minute is too late

By Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

The post's transition date is just months away. Therefore, offices must start turning in equipment and clearing their hand receipts. All equipment turned in will then be stored and shipped to new destinations as necessary.

The accountability, receiving, storing, issuing and disposing of all equipment, furniture and supplies are the responsibility of the Directorate of Logistics Supply and Services Division's Installation Consolidated Property Book Office, Building 924.

"I recommend hand receipt holders to start coordinating their turn-ins now," said Hector Almonte, installation property book officer.

The Supply and Services Division is committed to provide the best services to the soldiers. One of the chief concerns of the supply personnel is accountability of government property, specifically during the period of transition.

Commanders, directors, and division/activity chiefs mustn't wait until their units close to do their inventories. That's too late. Unit commanders need to make sure there is an accurate hand receipt procedure in place now. To continue working effectively the ICPBO needs support from commanders, directorates and hand receipt holders.

Hand receipt holders need to turn in equipment, furniture and supplies now. They must pay attention to the items they have on their hand receipts. If they have problems, tell the ICPBO now instead of waiting until the last minute.

Employees must not throw away any government property on their own. Nothing can be thrown in the dumpster unless it is consumed in use. This includes unused paper, binders and even trash cans. These items can be used by other units or posts. When in doubt, turn it in. The ICPBO is the place to call for turning in all equipment, furniture and supplies.

"It would be faster if employees could walk or drive the equipment over. Otherwise, we will schedule a contractor to go and

See **Turn in** *on Page 13*

Commentary

Celebrate volunteer week by becoming a volunteer

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

I bought a fascinating little book the other day; maybe you've heard of it. It's called "Random Acts of Kindness," and the anecdotes compiled inside talk about various kindnesses either given or received by the contributors.

That book was on my mind when I sat down to write about the importance of volunteering.

There are hundreds of worthwhile organizations, both on and off-post, which need your help but cannot afford to pay you.

Maybe your first act of kindness could be a commitment to volunteer your time to help these organizations and the people they serve.

Some examples? No problem.

The American Red Cross, Army Community Services, Youth Activities. These are all groups that do a lot for the Presidio community and could really use your expertise in a lot of areas.

Maybe you can teach a class to teens. Maybe you can spend an hour or two teaching swimming skills or lifesaving techniques. Maybe you can talk with new Presidians and help them become acclimated to this great place where we all live.

Want more?

The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Boys & Girls Clubs. Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Even the San Francisco City Chorus (assuming you like to sing). You can give a little bit of your time and give a lot back to the community as a result.

Maybe you'd prefer to be a little more anonymous or a little more "one on one" with your act of kindness.

That little book I mentioned has lots of interesting ideas. Some of them sound kind of funny at first, but after you think about it a little (maybe putting yourself in the shoes of the recipient of this "kindness"), they take on a different meaning. Here are some that I particularly liked:

* Open the phone book at random and pick a name. Send that person a greeting card.

* Buy some colorful stickers and put them on kids' shirts as you walk down the street.

* Buy a large box of candy at the movies, take one, and pass the box down the row where you are sitting.

Finally, the editors of "Random Acts of Kindness" included a statement that I want to pass on to everyone who volunteers their time and efforts to help others, whether on post or off:

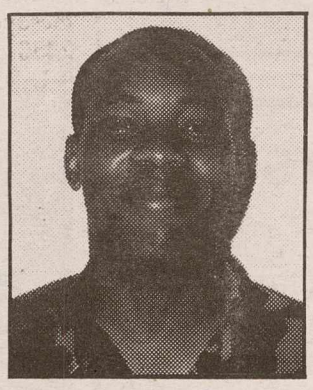
"All of you reading these words have loved someone, have done someone a kindness, have healed a wound, have taken on a challenge, have created something beautiful, and have enjoyed breathing the air of existence. Never doubt how precious, how vitally important you are. Every moment you make a difference. So, today, appreciate yourself with a random act of kindness."

Editor's note: National Volunteer Week is April 17 through 23. The Presidio will celebrate volunteer week April 22.

Ask Presidians

If you are receiving a tax refund; what will you do with the money?

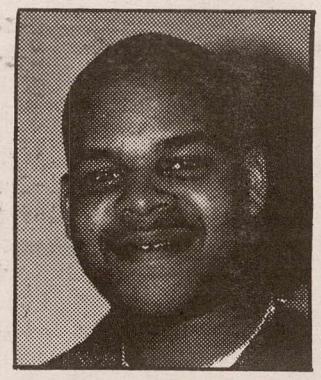
Staff Sgt. Lavonne Taylor, NCOIC, administrative and criminal law section, Staff Judge Advocate: "We're going to las Vegas and Disney Land. We're going to Las Vegas to see my husband's brother and sister-in-law. We're also going to see Siegfried and Roy."



Spc. Jerome Rogan, administrative assistant, Headquarters and Headquarters Co. USAG: I have to pay my tithes at Church. I'm behind."

Troy Davis, sales associate, Presidio Service Station: "I'm paying off my Visa bill because it charges such high interest. With the $300 *I have left over, I'll* spend it on my computer. I might buy it a new outfit or something."

Gina Walton, program assistant, Chid Development Center: "I am not getting a tax refund this year. If I was getting a tax refund I would save the money. I would put it toward my daughter's college expenses."



Spc. Issac J. Levy, strength management specialist, Strength Management Office: "I'll use my federal income tax return to buy my wife some new furniture. I'm going to use my state return for myself."

By Spc. Adrienne Story

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

Having recently returned from a wildlife conference on Amtrak's magnificent Coast Starlight, I noted the land alongside the train tracks was dominated by livestock interests. And the conference's message hit home -- the beef industry, along with the federal Animal Damage Control Program, is destroying America with a passion and a vengeance.

Presently, 70 percent of the 11 western states is behind barbed wire fences, with cattle or sheep on the land. The fences prevent pronghorn and bighorn migrations, and deer and moose become entangled in them.

Unwanted vegetation on cattle lands is burned, sprayed with herbicides, bulldozed, or hacked away. Any animals that compete with livestock by eating the same forage are doomed -- the humble little prairie dog (whose burrows aerate the soil) was a victim of a mass genocidal campaign.

Predatory animals, who are often merely scavenging off cattle that died from exposure, disease, or poisonous plants, are destroyed with a frightening hatred by ranchers and federal wildlife agents. Coyote pups are burned alive in their dens. Non-target animals are killed, including jays, crows, weasels, raccoons -- even dogs and cats. All this so we Americans can dine on cattle flesh.

With Earth Day coming up as a remembrance, let's become vegetarians and eat simply so that others may simply live.

Sincerely,
Patricia Briggs

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Job vacancies announced

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

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Fire Protection Inspector, GS-0081-07. Announcement No. GOGA-94-48 closes April 21.

Architect, GS-0808-09/11/12. Full performance level is GS-0808-12. Announcement No. GOGA-94-45 closes April 21.

Supervisory General Supply Specialist, GS-2001-12. Announcement No. GOGA-94-46 closes April 21.

Maintenance Mechanic (Locksmith), WG-4749-09. Announcement No. GOGA-94-47 closes April 21.

Maintenance Worker, WG-4749-05. There are two full-time positions to be filled. Announcement No. GOGA-94R-21 closes April 21.

Laborer, WG-3502-02. There are two part-time positions to be filled. Announcement No. GOGA-94R-20 closes April 21.

There are many other jobs available through the Outplacement Office. Here are just a few.

If you would like more information about these positions, call Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430.**

U.S. Coast Guard, Alameda: General Engineer.

Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, Calif.: Supervisory Police Officer.

City of San Ramon, Calif.: Recreation Coordinator, Aquatics Program (part-time).

Mendocino County, Dept. of Social Services, Ukiah/Fort Bragg: Eligibility Worker III.

Lassen County, Welfare Dept., Susanville: Employment & Training Worker Supervisor.

Madera County, Dept. of Public Welfare: Program Manager Secretary.

National Park Service, GGNRA: Historian (Cultural Resources Compliant).

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Rafael: Administrative Intern (open to currently enrolled college/university student).

Dept. of the Army, Taegu, Korea: Supervisory Telecommunications Equipment Operator.

University of California, San Francisco: Medicine/Pulmonary, Senior Electronics Technician, Administrative Analyst (Neurology), Laboratory Assistant.

City of Reno, Nev.: Senior Programmer.

City of Concord, Calif.: Police Officer.

City of Phoenix, Ariz.: Assistant Water Production Superintendent, Civic Plaza Marketing Supervisor, Communications Technician, Equal Opportunity Director, Field Service Supervisor, Gardener, Greenskeeper, Historic Preservation Planner, Materials Technician, Mechanical Plans Engineer, Noise Abatement Specialist, Police Recruit, Recreation Coordinator, Structural Plans Engineer, Traffic Engineer, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Library Support Services Supervisor, Planning Inspections Supervisor, Meal Delivery Aide.

SF 171 is on its way out

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

Standard Form 171, the form federal jobseekers love to hate, may be on its way out.

Roberta Peters, who heads the Navy's Office of Civilian Personnel Management, said the National Performance Review *recommended "sunsetting"* the federal employment application form when it expires June 29, 1994.

If the Office of Personnel Management does not ask the Office of Management and Budget to reauthorize the form by that date, it automatically expires.

"We don't know what will replace it," said Peters. "We expect employers will ask for materials appropriate to the position being filled. People will still be asked to address questions related to the KSAs (knowledge, skills and abilities) needed for the job. They may also submit resumes. For certain hard-to-fill jobs, applicants may even apply by phone."

However, there will probably be a grace period during which applicants will still use the SF-171, said Peters. She believes the form is useful for entry-level applicants but is too cumbersome for experienced workers trying to change agencies or get promotions.

Sharon Wells, a spokesperson for OPM, confirmed the agency is strongly committed to sunsetting the SF-171.

However, OPM will consult with personnel officials in other agencies, including DoD, before deciding. Some agency personnel officials resist the idea, and OPM wants to address their concerns.

PERSCOM board will convene to select FBI Academy nominees

PERSCOM will convene a nomination board June 22 to 24 to select nominees for attendance at the FBI National Academy.

Each year the Army is allotted twelve training quotas at the FBI National Academy, evenly divided among the military police, military intelligence and criminal investigation command personnel. The nominations will be for slots in four class sessions in class year 1995.

There are no tuition costs — room and board will be furnished by the FBI. Travel costs, per diem, and preparation of TDY orders are the responsibility of PERSCOM.

This year the board will nominate individuals from three distinct groups: military police (branch 31) commissioned officers at large, USACIDC criminal investigators, and counterintelligence/human intelligence personnel.

Representatives from PERSCOM, INSCOM, USACIDC and the Security, Force Protection and Law Enforcement Division, ODCSOPS will form the nomination board.

The class sessions announced by the FBI are:

* 180th session, Jan. 8 to March 24;
* 181st session, April 9 to June 23;
* 182nd session, July 9 to Sept. 22; and
* 183rd session, Oct. 1 to Dec. 15.

One soldier from each of the three groups above will be nominated to attend each session. Also, four alternates will be nominated from each group.

The course is designed to provide instruction in law enforcement and related subjects to include forensic science, criminal law, behavioral science, and management applications. This curriculum provides graduates a valuable base of knowledge that will benefit the Army.

Eligibility

Following are the specific branch/MOS eligibility criteria:

A. Military police (BR31) officers at large — active duty captain or major; possess a baccalaureate degree; be a graduate of an officer advanced course; CAS3 graduate; successful company command.

B. For USACIDC personnel — be a criminal investigator (MOS 311A) warrant officer, or be a special agent (MOS 95D) staff sergeant through sergeant major.

C. For counterintelligence/humint personnel — be a military intelligence (BR 35) captain or major possessing AOC 35E or 35F, a baccalaureate degree, and be a graduate of an officer advanced course, or a counterintelligence technician (MOS 351B) warrant officer, or be a counterintelligence agent (97B) staff sergeant through sergeant major.

Further, all applicants must:

* have at least five years of law enforcement/investigative experience and be at least 25 and not more than 50 years of age;
* be in excellent physical condition, capable of sustained strenuous exertion and regular participation in the use of firearms, physical training and defensive tactics;
* be capable of and prepared to serve in the law enforcement/investigative field for a period of three years after completion of the National Academy;
* be within Army and FBI height and weight standards and have passed the Army Physical Fitness Test within a six-month period preceding the board convening date.

There is no provision for waivers of either the specific or general eligibility criteria.

Applications should be in memorandum format and contain the following information:

1. Subject: Application for the FBI National Academy;
2. Addressee: Commander, PERSCOM, ATTN: TAPC-OPF-L (CPT SANFILLIPO), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0415;
3. Name, rank, social security number, and branch/specialty/MOS;
4. If applicable, a brief description of civilian law enforcement/investigative experience and training;
5. Height/weight, date and score of last APFT, and duty address and telephone number.

Submit applications through your chain of command.

All applicants should ensure that official photographs, ORBs/Forms 2 and 2-1, as applicable, are updated, because they will be reviewed as part of the nomination process. Enlisted applicants must submit their current DA photograph, forms 2 and 2-1 and performance fiche when applying, as this office does not have access to enlisted records.

For more information, call Capt. Sabrina M. Sanfillipo, TAPC-OPF-L, at **DSN 221-7747** or **221-7761**.

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News briefs

New AMC Travel info

Effective immediately, all Army personnel traveling Air Mobility Command (AMC) and non-AMC flights on PCS orders, TDY, emergency leave or space available are authorized to wear civilian clothing. Army personnel must ensure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion and reflect positively on the Army. Conservative styles and fashions are authorized. Tank tops or t-shirts worn as outer garments, shorts, sandals, and revealing, soiled or torn clothing are some examples of inappropriate civilian attire.

Sailing lessons

The Presidio Yacht Club is offering sailing lessons. Classes start April 30 and run every other weekend through August at the Presidio Yacht Club, East Fort Baker. Membership in the Yacht Club is not required, and all active duty, retired military, family members, and federal employees are eligible to attend. Space is limited, so call the Presidio Yacht Club at **(415) 332-2319** for information and reservations.

White Water Rafting Retreat

The Presidio Chapels are sponsoring a soldier's white water rafting retreat, May 12-13. The first 20 soldiers can sign up at $25 per person. Non-soldiers (family and friends) cost $70 per person and need to be cleared by Chaplain (Capt.) Randall Dolinger. We depart the Religious Activity Center at 1 p.m., May 12. We will camp out overnight, with volleyball and a visit to where the gold rush began. You will need your own camping gear (check with Outdoor Recreation). On May 13, we will go down 14 miles of the South Fork of the American River, which is eight miles north of Placerville, Calif. The river is rated Class III. We will return to the Religious Activity Center by about 9 p.m. Sign up with Cpl. Marina Urroz at **561-4719**. or contact Chap. Dolinger at beeper **245-0458**.

AAFES News

The Class Six store will move into the Shoppette, Bldg. 1158, as of May 1.

Leave donation request

Sam Gong, an employee with the Directorate of Public Works, is experiencing a medical emergency. Gong, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact Kassel Kendricks at the Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, **561-3780**.

First aid for lifeguards

The San Francisco office of the American Red Cross Bay Area is offering "First Aid for Lifeguards" this summer. This course is designed to meet the requirements of Public Safety Title 22 and is necessary for employment at most public pools. Training includes CPR for the Professional Rescuer and first aid skills, including emergency childbirth procedures.

Upon successful completion, students will receive American Red Cross "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" and "Responding to Emergencies" certificates, as well as a Title 22 completion certificate.

"First Aid for Lifeguards" will be offered in San Francisco at 1550 Sutter Street. The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 4, 5, and 11. For information or to register, please call **202-0609**.

ITT News

ITT has some great one-day trips coming up. All trips include transportation in the cost. **Paramount's Great America**, April 24; sign up by close of business today. **Shopping Trip to the Factory Stores at Nut Tree, Vacaville**, May 21; sign up by May 13. **Marine World Africa USA**, June 11; sign up by June 3. For information or to sign up, visit ITT, Bldg. 210, or call **561-3992**.

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Military, park service police conduct joint patrols on post

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

The Military Police and Park Service Police have been conducting joint patrols since August 1993. Through this training, the Park Police will be prepared to be the primary law enforcement at the Presidio of San Francisco after the post transition.

MPs are also getting valuable training from the joint patrols.

"The park police are strictly peace officers handling civilians. Through the joint patrols they can get an idea of what MPs have to face here day to day and see why it's such a safe place," said Staff Sgt. Richard Lambert, assistant operations sergeant. "The park police can help in the areas of community relationship. MPs have two styles of training which is combat arms and basic law enforcement. The park police can teach us more about law enforcement."

The program will familiarize the park police with the layout of the Presidio and types of incidents that the MPs normally handle, it will also familiarize them with the differences between working with the civilian and military communities.

Park Police have been rotating officers for the joint patrols so every officer, even horse patrol officers get the chance to work with the MPs and learn more about the Presidio.

"Park Police are required to have more training than most state and local officials," said Maj. Kinard J. LaFate, Provost Marshal. "They are a very professional organization and have been for the past 200 years."

"The Park Police are learning from the MPs. Our officers are learning more about the Presidio and the areas that need special attention," said Lt. Jerry McCarthy, park police officer. "This is a good opportunity for our officers. Right now we are in a transition period. We have been training new recruits so there have been periods where we haven't been able to get an officer out with the MPs. We normally get one to two officers patroling with the MPs each day." The patrol idea is based on a memorandum of understanding between the Park Police, under the San Francisco Field Office, and the U.S. Army.

"This training phase will create a positive transition. We will still work with them after the transition, but [the Military police] area of responsibility will reduce. We will mainly be responsible for the housing areas and other areas to be determined by the Sixth U.S. Army footprint.," LaFate said. "I think this prepares the community for the transition. They won't be surprised to see a Park Policeman on patrol, and they will be confident in the National Park Service's law enforcement."

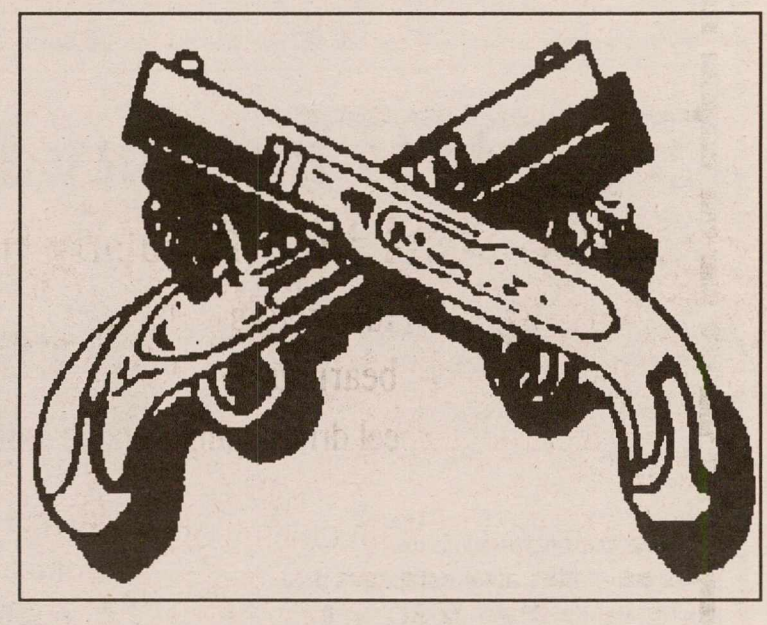
"As we train more with the Park Police and the community sees us working together they will see us as speaking in one voice," the provost marshal continued.

"I feel the joint patrols are going quite well," Lambert added. "The MPs and Park Police have a very good working relationship. They understand eac h other's procedures and are learning from each other."

"Our officers are learning a lot, and we have a good relationship with the MPs and the Provost Marshal," McCarthy said. "We work well together and we will continue to work well together after the transition."

With the training the MPs and Park Police receive from the joint patrols, they will be able to provide increased protection for the Presidio community throughout and after the transition.

"The Presidio will remain the safest place. We want to establish a working relationship now with the park police so we can continue to work together and keep crime down," LaFate said. "It's a tall order to protect the Presidio, but with the help of the members of the Presidio community reporting suspicious activities we will continue to provide protection and keep this th esafest place to live and work in San Francisco."



Becasue of numerous reports by Presidians, the Military Police have been able to investigate and thorugh their aggressive law enforcement have prevented crimes from happening here.

After the Presidio transitions and the Garrison units are no longer present, residents may be concerned that more crimes will be committed by people who do not live on post. The provost marshal offers these people a warning.

"The Presidio is not going away. The Sixth Army will be here and there will be a military police presence -- that will not change," LaFate concluded. "If you come on the Presidio and violate the laws you will pay the price. There will be an aggressive law enforcement force here. If a crime is committed 99.9 percent of the time that person will be caught. If you want to take that .01 percent chance, that is your choice, but the MPs are out there. And they are watchingto keep th Presidio a safe place to live and work."

Readiness, 6th Army style

Reserve Training Brigade serves Guard

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Sixth U.S. Army has stepped to the forefront of training with the activation of a new evaluation program for Army National Guard units in the Sixth Army area.

The Sixth U.S. Army's Regional Training Brigade, commanded by Col. Richard P. Geier, will be the model for future RTBs that will serve Army National Guard combat units nationwide.

"These National Guard units will see our evaluation teams at least twice per year," Geier said. The new concept will greatly aid the readiness of Army National Guard units.

The RTB concept was implemented under Title XI of the U.S. Code, whereby Congress mandated that a program be developed to evaluate National Guard combat units.

The RTBs will have a narrower focus than the Operational Readiness and Evaluation teams. The OREs evaluate everything from unit maintenance, records and common tasks testing to physical fitness testing.

Not so with the RTBs.

"We will evaluate the units in a tactical environment during their annual training and at least once during their weekend drill," Geier said.

The RTB is a new concept developed by the Bold Shift Task Force at Forces Command. There are 11 people currently staffing the RTB, but it will grow to be 238 strong by the end of fiscal year 1995.

The RTB will have two infantry battalions, and one battalion each of armor, artillery, engineer and aviation. Each battalion will be commanded by a lieutenant colonel who will have two to six company teams commanded by captains. Each team will be staffed by four noncommissioned officers, who will be the observer/controllers for the Guard units in the field.

Meanwhile, the lieutenant colonels and captains will be serving as Training Assessment Model (TAM) evaluators.

The RTB's first test will be in May and June when it conducts LANES training for two infantry battalions of the 40th Infantry Division at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

"We plan on conducting another round of evaluations with the 81st Infantry Brigade [Washington] in 1995," Geier said. Soon after, the Sixth Army RTB should be fully operational.

National Guard units under Sixth Army's area of training responsibility now have a dedicated evaluation entity to learn from and to aid their combat readiness.

"The combat units of the National Guard will benefit greatly," Geier said. "Those Guard units that are not supported by active component divisions do not get consistant support for annual training evaluations. They won't have that problem with us.

"We're a full time evaluation program that works only with combat units, not combat service support — that's handled by the 91st Division (Exercise)."

All members of the RTB are active duty soldiers.

Geier said that if the first ten people he's received are any indication of the quality of RTB troops, then the RTB concept will truly make a positive impact.

"All of our NCOs are Bradley master gunners. Some of our captains have commanded the Opposing Forces at the National Training Center. The quality of soldier that FORSCOM is sending is the best," Geier said.

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New Provost Marshal committed to protecting Presidio community

By Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

As the new provost marshal looks out the window of his office, he smiles with pride that he is helping keep the Presidio safe.

Maj. Kinard J. La Fate's main goal is to continue to keep the Presidio the safest place.

"Our goals -- I say **our** goals because they are not just mine -- are to continue to be an aggressive law enforcement force and keep the Presidio the safest place," said LaFate. "We are a proactive force.

"Many people think nothing happens around here," he continued. "I thought that at first, but we pick up a number of people with outstanding bail warrants, DUIs, and are able to prevent more serious incidents from occurring because we are aggressive in our law enforcement."

LaFate brings experience to the Presidio. Before being assigned here, he was the 26th Area Support Group and Heidelberg provost marshal in Germany.

"I feel I have ample experience. Not to say I can't learn anything; I will," the professional officer said. "My assignment in Germany is similar to the Presidio. The political aspects are the same. We are in the spotlight and are an interesting entity surrounded by a big city."

Despite his prior experience, LaFate does not intend to make many changes, if any.

"John Fowler [former provost marshal] did a superb job keeping the force highly motivated and law enforcement ready," LaFate said. "I have to tip my hat to Fowler. I will continue to keep good relationships with the local police force and the Park Service."

The new provost marshal is prepared for the challenges he will face with the transition of the Presidio.

"We may redefine our roles which will be designated by the Sixth U.S. Army footprint," LaFate said. "Based on the new footprint, we will define our mission.

"Right now we are in control and responsible for the security and law enforcement on the Presidio. We have a force of 90 MPs," he continued. "However, as the transition occurs, our responsibility will be directed to the housing areas and the property of Sixth Army. We have requested to keep 36 MPs to remain here after the transition."

Although LaFate has a tough job ahead of him, he feels this assignment offers a good opportunity."

"This will be a good opportunity for me. I feel it offers a whole host of different challenges," LaFate said confidently.

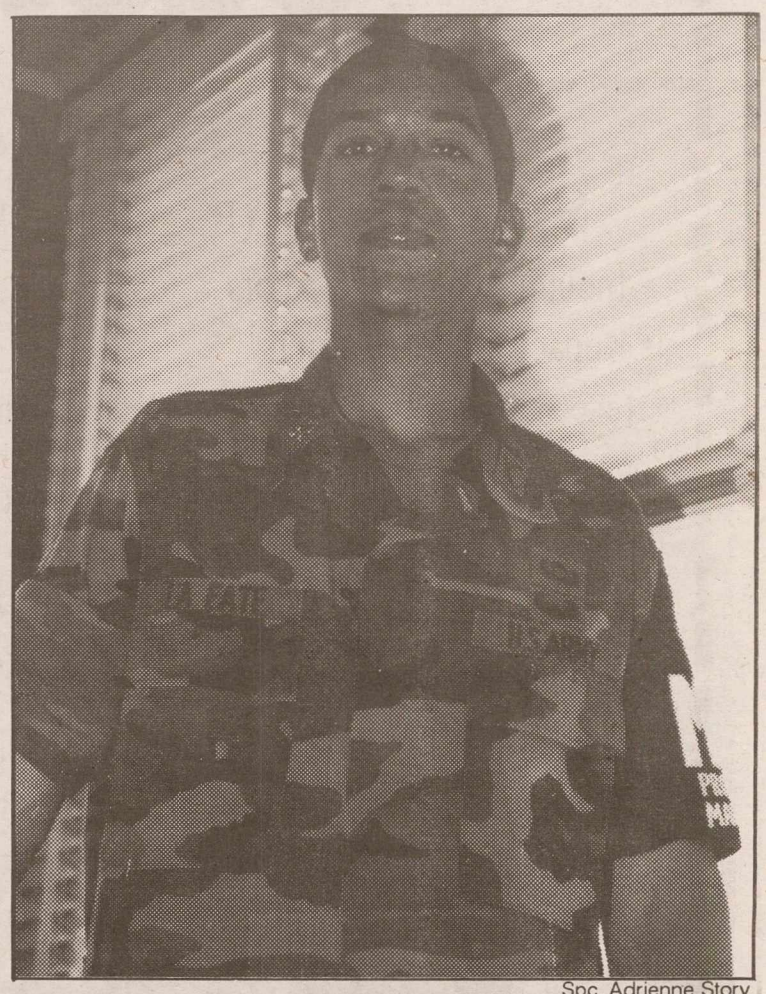
LaFate has added even another challenge from his long list. He plans to become more involved with the soldiers' law enforcement training.

"I want to continue to increase upon soldiers' community relations and community service," LaFate said. "I want them to be aware that everyone and anyone they deal with is a potential customer.

"We're serving the public, not ourselves, and I want the public to have the best quality law enforcement," he added.

"To increase our community relations, I plan to become more involved with the training. I know we are soldiers first, but our primary mission is law enforcement.

"The public expects us to be right at all times, becasue we are responsible for handling life and death situations," La Fate concluded.



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Maj. Kinard J. LaFate reflects on the importance of his mission as the Presdiio's new provost marshal. He is ready for the challenges and says his experience has prepared him for the job.

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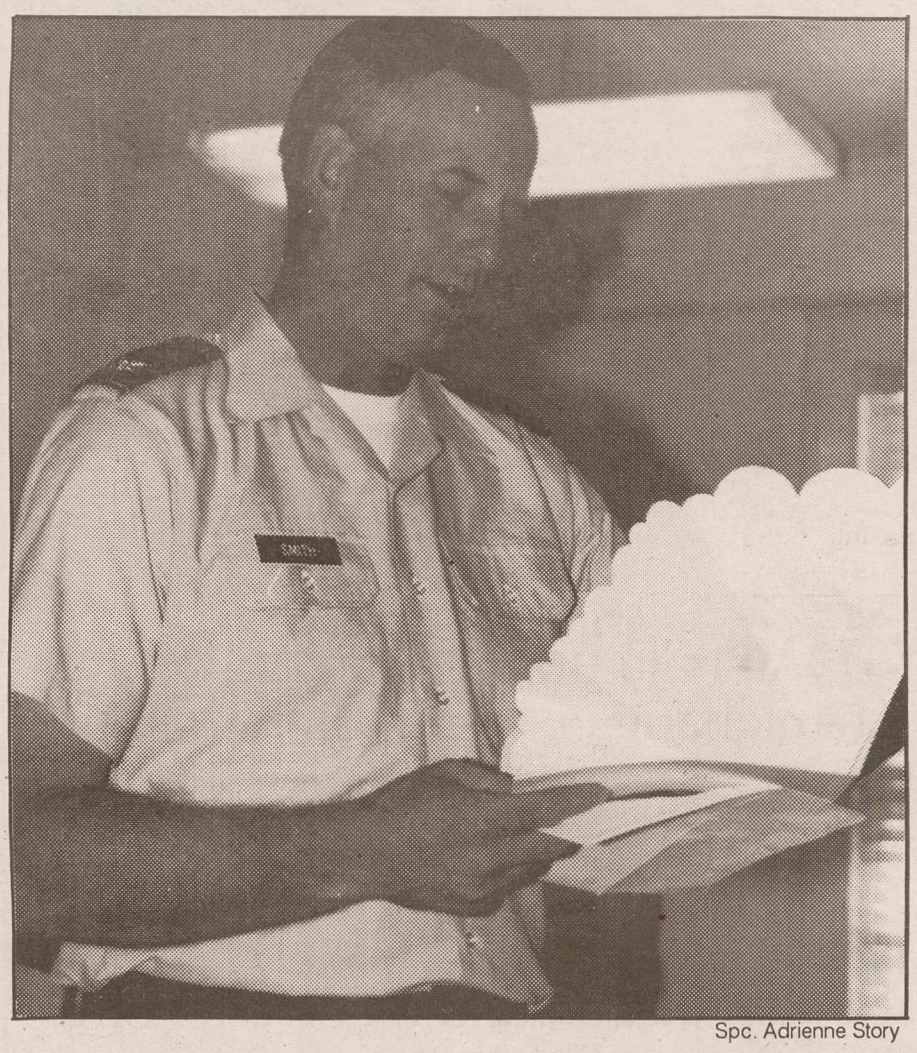

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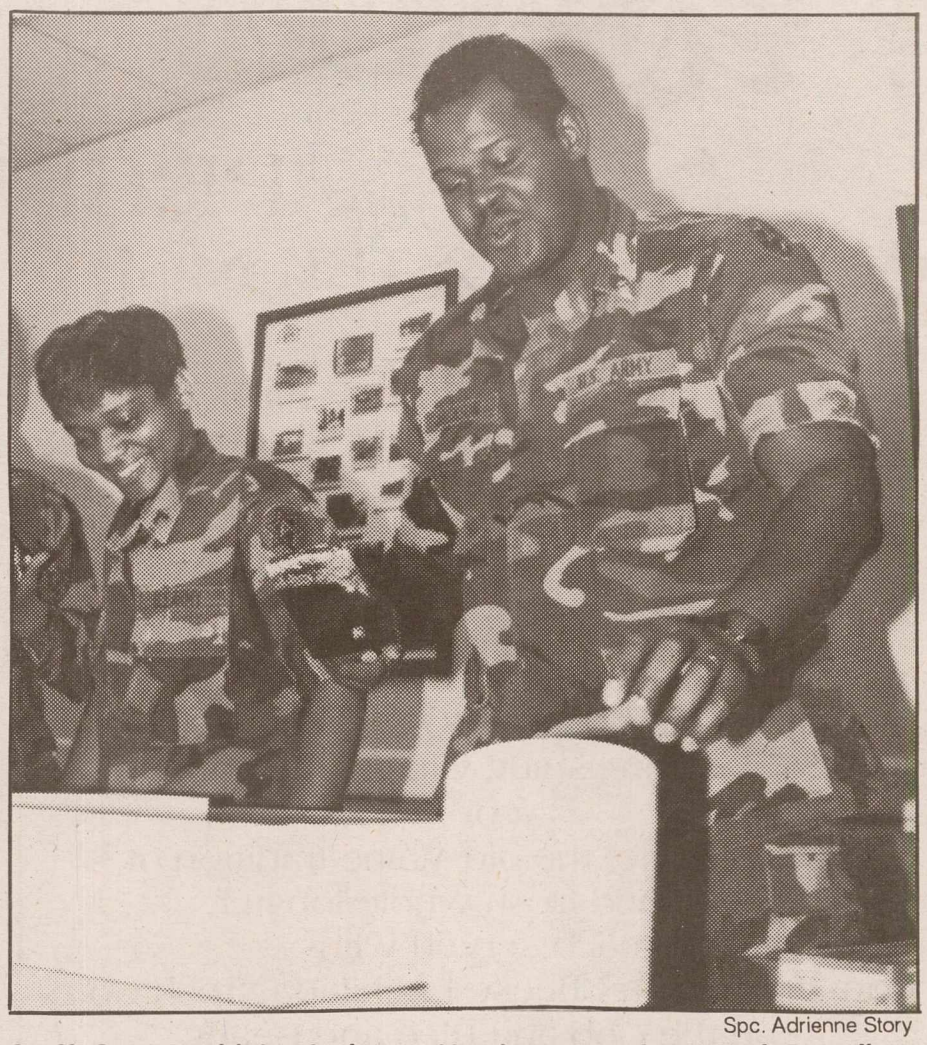
Col. Ken Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mobilization and Evaluation, reads a birthday card from his staff. Smith was caught by surprise by the DCSME members when they sang "Happy Birthday," gave him his card and said, "cut the cake."



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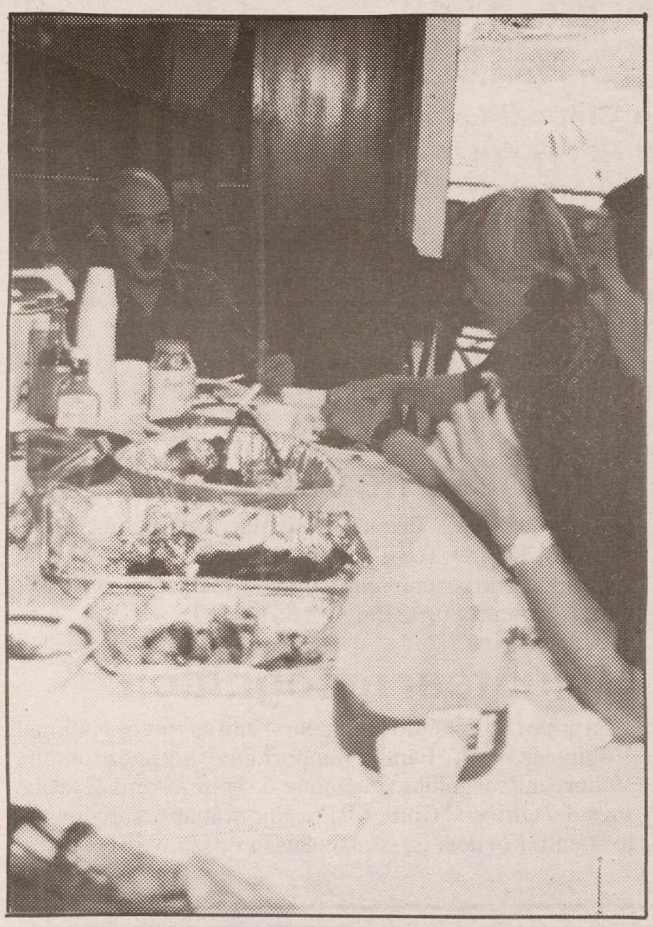
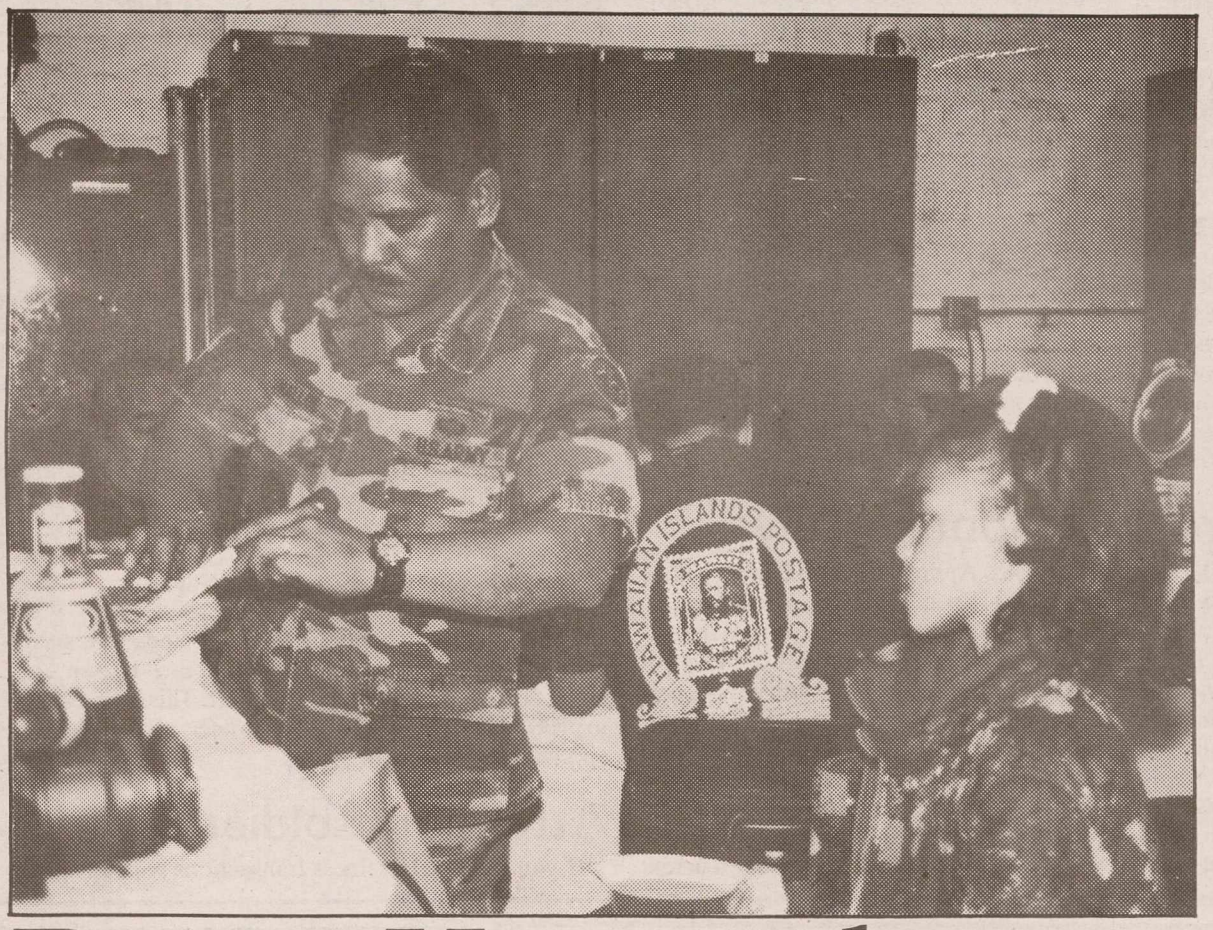
Staff Sgt. David L. Jackson, Headquarters Command Battalion, S-4 noncommissioned officer-in-charge, celebrated his 30th birthday recently. His co-workers bought a cake to help celebrate Jackson's birthday.





Bring Hawaii home

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Feasting on barbecued pork, beef and chicken a group of Presidians has found a way to bring Hawaii to the post once per week.

"We're all from Hawaii," Sonny Palabrica said.

At lunchtime each Friday a group of soldiers and civilians from Hawaii get together for a mini-luau behind the Outdoor Recreation Center, where Palabrica works. There can be anywhere from eight to 15 people involved, work schedules permitting.

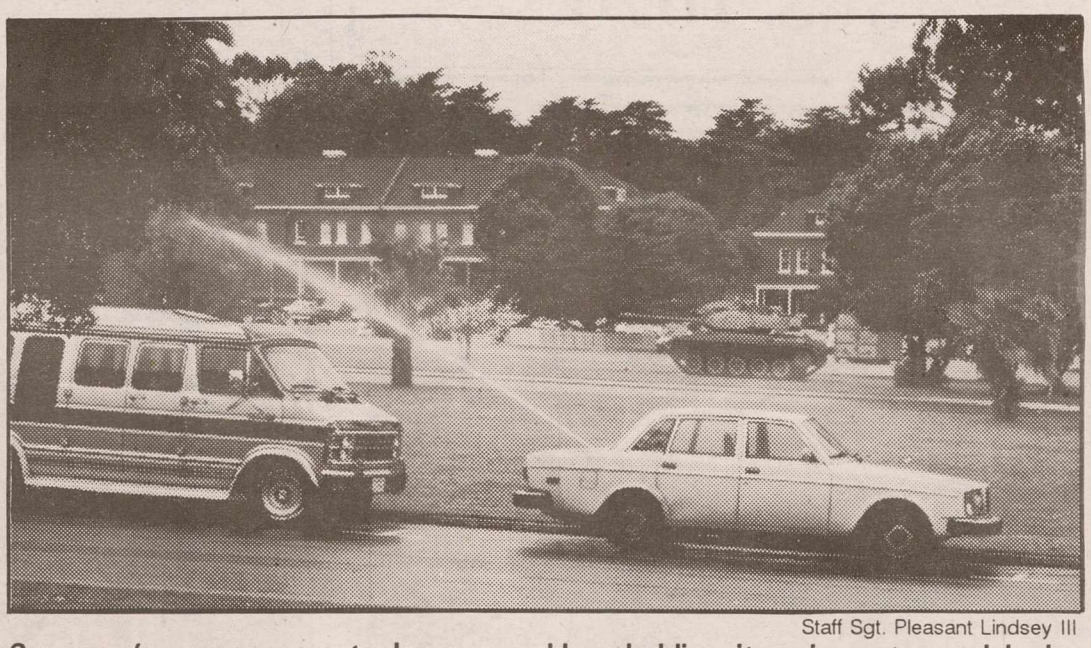
Palabrica coordinates the luncheon and barbecues the meats. Other participants bring food as well, making for a festive, potluck atmosphere.

"That's the Hawaiian way, to always fix more than enough food for the guests," said civilian Leslie Fitzsimmons, who was once a reserve soldier stationed at Letterman U.S. Army Medical Center.

"There's always enough for everyone to get seconds," said Lt. Col. Mel Ozeki, "We bring Hawaii home to us."

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

These 24 cadets were among the 60 students from Andrew P. Hill High School in San Jose, Calif., who toured the Presidio of San Francisco March 30. They were led by Col. (retired) Gene H. Rafanelli and Sgt. 1st Class (retired) Bruce Jones.



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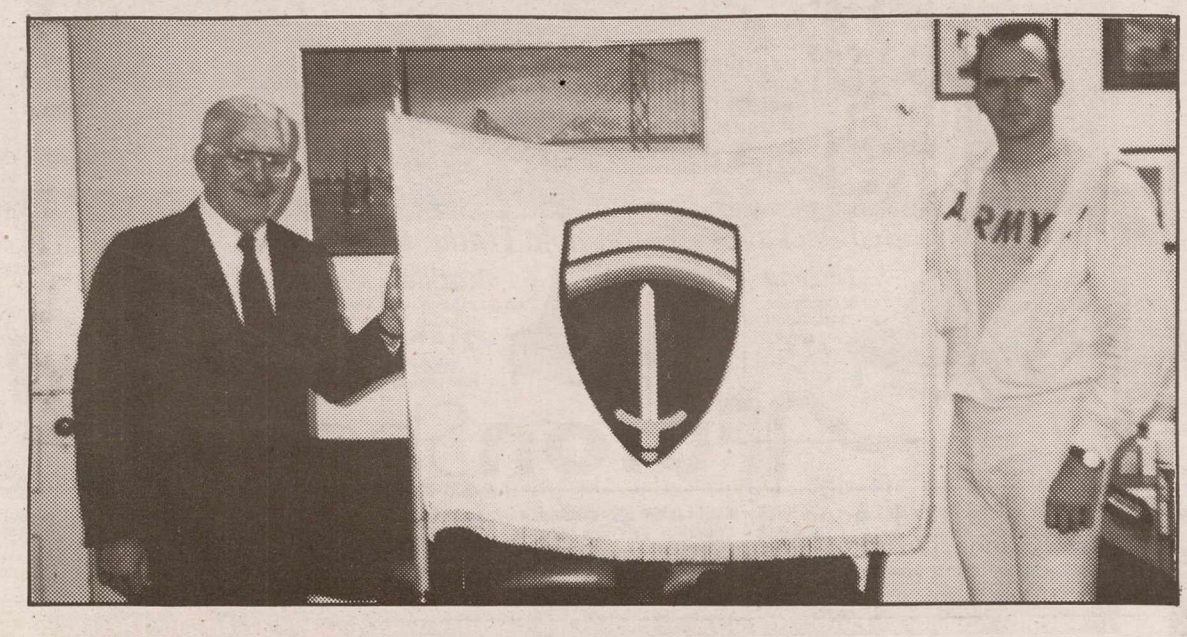
Someone's car appears to have a problem holding its rain water and looks like it's releasing it the only way it can — on someone else's van.



Omaha Beach

Alan Reeves (left), Commander of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces Veterans, displays a replica of the SHAEF flag with some assistance from Sgt. Hal Taylor. The SHAEF flag hung in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's office during his tenure as commander in World War II. The flag will be flown in several D-Day commemorations around the world, including the unveiling of a plaque at Bushy Park, England; Oxford University's Keble College; Chapel, England; as part of a grouping of allied flags at Grosvenor Square, London; at the unveiling of a statue of Eisenhower in the town square of Bayeux, France; and at St. Laurent Cemetery, above Omaha Beach.
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Military Records Review

Military Personnel Division (MPD) functions currently performed by the U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio, including Military Personnel Records Jacket (MPRJ) maintenance, will be transferred to the 9th Personnel Services Company (OSC), Fort Lewis, Wash., May 17.

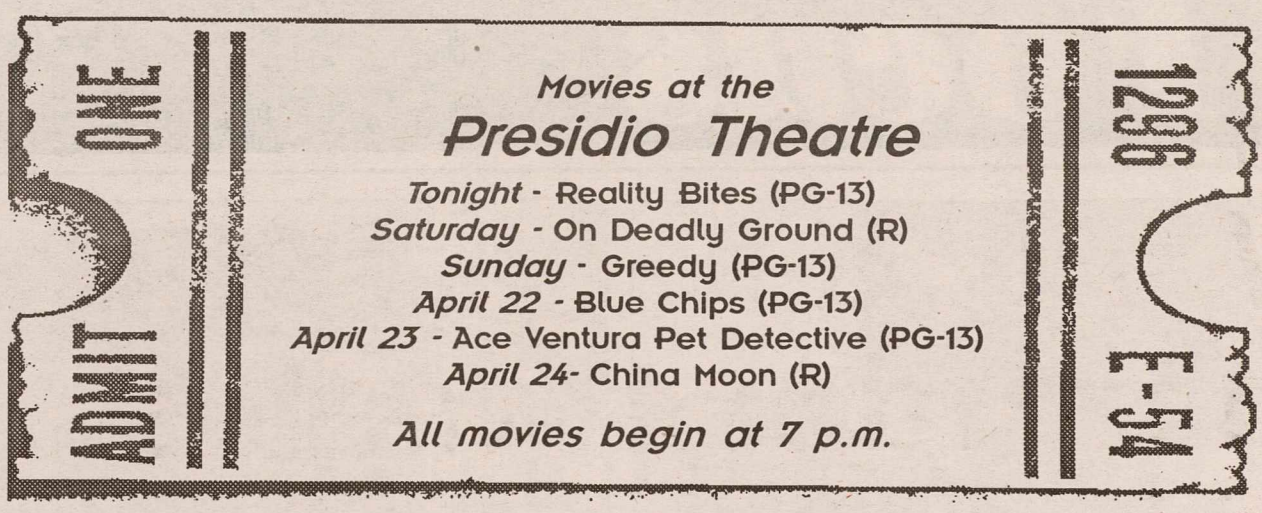
As a prelude to this transfer of functions, all soldiers assigned to Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, are invited to the MPD to review and update their records, i.e., ORBs (officers), DA Forms 2A & 2-1 (Servicemen's Group Life Insurance), and any other documents in the MPRJ.

Officer and Enlisted Records Specialists will be available for records review beginning Monday through April 22 during normal duty hours as indicated. Appointments are not required for this action. Hours are as follows:

Monday, 9 a.m. - noon, 1-4:15 p.m.; **Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1-4:15 p.m.; **Wednesday**, 1-4:15 p.m.; **Thursday**, 7:30 a.m. - noon; **Friday**, 9 a.m. - noon.

Presidio Spouse Day

The Military Spouses' Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 6, at the Presidio Officers' Club. Active duty personnel, reservists, retirees and their spouses are invited to attend; all branches of service in the Presidio area are welcome to join us. The cost of the luncheon is $4.75 per person, with one spouse per family free (limited to the first 35 reservations). The luncheon will include a tossed green salad, turkey sandwich on a kaiser roll, cup of soup, and self-serve ice cream sundaes. Free child care will be available to those who make a reservation by May 3 (all children must have current immunization cards). CDC registration fees will be waived for the luncheon. Call **561-4894** for reservations. In celebration of Spouses' Day, discounts to military spouses are being offered by the AAFES Post Exchange, Post Theater, Outdoor Recreation, ITT, Arts and Crafts Center, and the Auto Crafts Shop. Other gifts will be given away at the luncheon in honor of our military spouses.



O' Club News

Right Arm Night begins at 4:30 p.m. today. Be sure to stay for the live band, which plays from 7-10 p.m., and enjoy the hors d'ouevres on the buffet. This is a great time to pick up a 1994 Presidio of San Francisco calendar at the special reduced price of $10.

Attention, soldiers!

If you have had business transactions with an agency called Lincoln International, please contact Capt. Craig Minnick at the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Legal Assistance Division, **561-4273**.

Mayors' meeting

There will be a Presidio Mayors' meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, in Bldg. 103B's conference room. Areas without mayors need to be represented by the Area Coordinator. For details, contact Susan Burzo at **561-4147**.

Volunteer recognition

In honor of Presidio volunteers, and as part of National Volunteer Week, Family Support Division sponsors the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, 3-5 p.m., April 22, at the Presidio Officers' Club. All Presidio volunteers are invited to attend. For details, contact Susan Burzo at **561-4147.**

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DPW column

Water outage, spring clean up, hazardous wastes accepted

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

A backflow prevention device is going to be installed in the 1800 area. In order to perform this construction, the water in your building will be shut off Tuesday from 7:30a.m. -4p.m. for one day only.

Spring clean-up is almost over for another year. Starting Monday, everyone will have the opportunity to make their housing area a cleaner, neater, more pleasant place to live.

For those of you who are really ambitious, Self-Help has available pine bark chips, lava rocks and topsoil to fill in those unsightly spots where weeds were pulled. Pine bark and lava rocks also make nice borders around flower gardens.

Check out the area in front of Bldg. 106 -- Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis McKay and the soldiers of Headquarters Command Battalion have worked hard planting African daisies and laying pine bark.

Once all this cleaning is done, don't forget to take the time to sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labors. Thanks for all the hard work!

The household hazardous waste turn-in will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (including lunch time), Wednesday, in the parking lot at Bldg 901.

Household hazardous wastes accepted: waste oils from automobiles, motorcycles, lawn mowers; waste gasoline and diesel; lead-acid batteries; paints (latex and oil-based), thinners, solvents, reducers; aerosols, spray paints; cleaning products, solvents, disinfectants; magnesium and lithium batteries; pesticides/herbicides, other gardening products or poisons; drain cleaners/clog openers, other caustic products; polishes, waxes, stripping agents; other hazardous household products.

Wastes not accepted: radioactive wastes, medical wastes, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), railroad ties, asbestos.

How to package household hazardous waste for transport:

-- Keep all products in original containers with labels intact; do not mix wastes.

-- Place leaking containers inside larger non-leaking containers or wrap in newspaper and place in a plastic bag.

-- Make sure all lids and caps are tight.

-- Place items securely in a box for transport. Place chemicals which will react with one another in separate boxes or in different parts of the vehicle.

-- Use newspaper or cardboard as filler to keep items from tipping, sliding or rolling.

-- Do not leave material in hot, unventilated vehicle for long periods of time.

-- Do not smoke near chemicals.

-- Drive carefully.

By law, no more than five gallons or 50 pounds of hazardous waste may be transported in a vehicle unless the vehicle is registered with the State of California as a hazardous waste hauling vehicle (CA Health and Safety Code, Section 25163[c]).

Should you have any questions or have wastes listed above that will not be accepted, please contact the DPW Environmental Office at **561-3024**.

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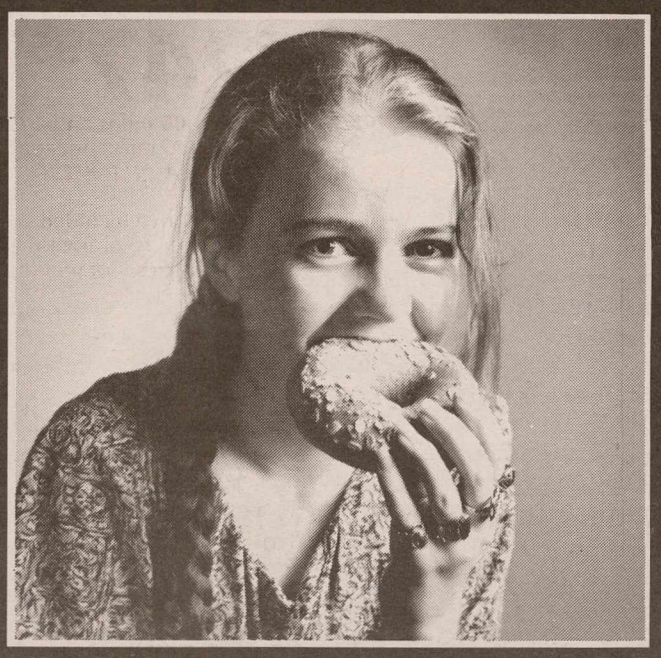

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AUSA golf tournament

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Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr. tees off on the first hole.

Otto Copeland, Jee Kim, James Plyman and Smith scored a 58 to win the 13th Annual Association of the U.S. Army Golf Tournament April 8 at the Presidio Army Golf Course. Kim also won the grand prize drawing, a free trip to Las Vegas, donated by SATO Travel and Leisure, USAir, and Showboat Hotel and Casino.

The tournament was a joint effort by military and civilian golfers to raise funds for the San Francisco Chapter of the AUSA.

Despite the rain, Kim said their team lead the way with 10 birdies and eight pars.

"NCOs led the way," Plyman said.

More than 100 participants competed in the tournament. At the conclusion, the golfers were treated to what was described as "an outstanding meal" prepared by the Golf Club's Restaurant, followed by the awards presentations.

The first and second place teams received golf bags, and the third place team received a free round of golf at Bodega Harbor Golf Links, donated by John Murray, the head professional at the PAGC.

The last place finishers received an Arnold Palmer instructional book, donated by GolfSmart.

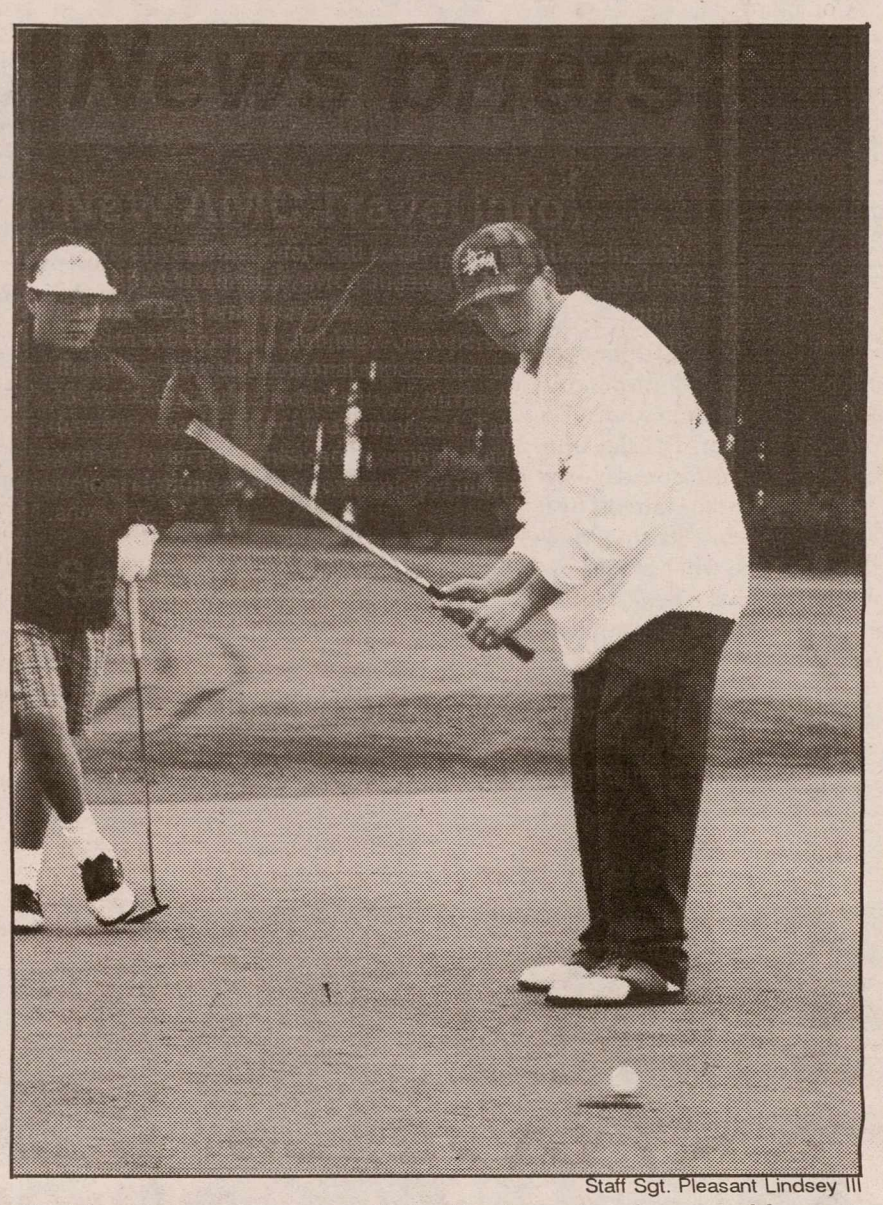
The tournament was a success, considering it assured the local AUSA of adequate resources to support its 1994 programs.

Winners

First place: Copeland, Kim, Smith and Plyman—58.

Second place: Jones, Shoneff, Shoneff and Tzikas—60.

Third place: Crawford, Frazier, Hanson and Schieble—61.



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Wishing it would drop, Chris Boehm watches as his putt stops just short of the cup, as teammate Jhonno Bruce awaits his turn.

Youth swim team competes

Post swimmers victorious, team wins 50 blue ribbons

By Maj. Mike Koplin
Special to the Star Presidian

The Presidio Youth Swim Team won a decisive victory over the Embarcadero YMCA swimmers last Saturday at the Presidio pool.

Individual events included freestyle, back stroke, breast stroke, and butterfly events for swimmers ages 5 through 15. Relay events were only held for the 9-10 and 11-12 year old competitors.

The Presidio swimmers won a total of 50 first place ribbons, 28 second place, nine third place, six fourth place, and three fifth place ribbons.

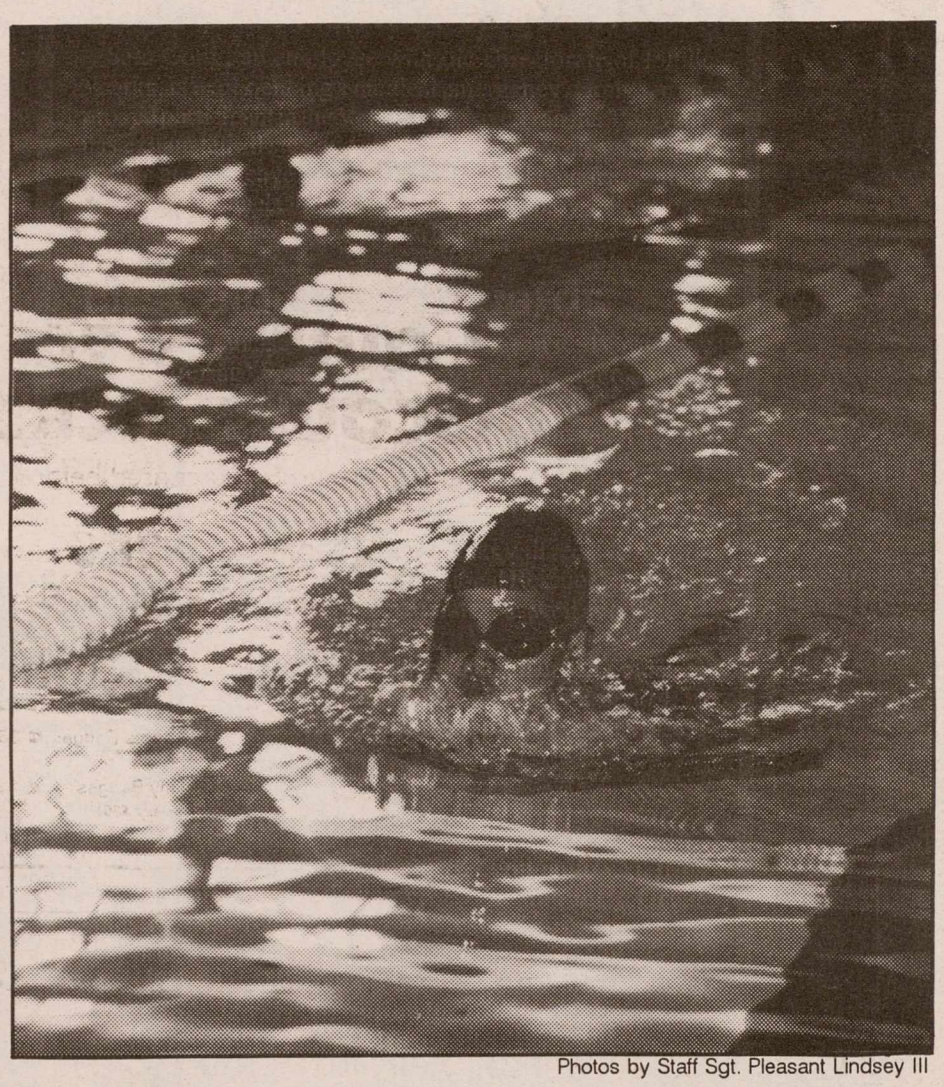
First place ribbons were awarded to Nathan Chin, Chris Nolan, Jeremy Beecher, Candice Shino, Jennifer Bokmeyer, Rachel Miller, Marisa Bowersox, Jonathan Estrada, Ken Estrada, Joel Dolinger, Daniel Dolinger, Katie Ewing, Robert Ewing, Kristi Koplin, Rebekah Koplin, and Brandon Koplin.

Other swimmers receiving ribbons were Joshua Dolinger, Grant Davis and Phillip Ewing.

Congratulations to all the Presidio swimmers for their superb efforts.

We also appreciate the great parents who support their children and volunteer their time at the swim meets.

The swim season closes out May 21 at the Presidio pool with a big invitational meet involving several other community teams. Come out and watch the exciting competition.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Above: Showing the look of determined concentration, Nathan Chin cruises to a win in the butterfly competition. **Left:** Gliding with ease, Katie Ewing breast strokes her way to a first place ribbon in the 5-year-old and under category.

Turn in from Page 1

pick up the equipment and furniture that is being turned in," Almonte said.

Commanders and directorates play a major role in the ICPBO's success, particularly during transition. Hand receipt holders should make sure their hand receipts are correct and property is inventoried thoroughly.

"All hand receipt holders must clear their property through us before they leave the installation," Almonte explained. The hand receipt holder will be responsible for any equipment unaccounted for, regardless of where he goes after leaving here.

For this reason it is imperative that hand receipt holders pay particular attention to their hand receipt practices.

There is plenty of equipment on post that must be turned in, accounted for and shipped to new destinations before the post transitions to the Park Service. The Directorate of Logistics' workers are laboring to move turn-in items as quickly as possible.

The Supply and Services Division's mission was to provide logistics support to all active and reserve units assigned or attached as satellites to the Presidio of San Francisco. Today, it has drastically changed to that of disposition of all equipment, furniture and supplies that units and activities have collected for many years.

The ICPBO plays a major role in the support of the garrison staff and Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army with the process of requisitions, storage, issue, and turn-in and accountability of all supplies, equipment and furniture issued by the ICPBO. The situation is clear — don't wait until the last minute to turn in your excess equipment and furniture.

The Supply and Services Division, the property book officer and the accountable officer are responsible for the redistribution of equipment and furniture. Excesses at the ICPBO are turned in to the accountable officer for disposition either to other installations as directed or to the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office. Excess equipment/furniture slated for the DRMO is made available for the Golden Gate National Parks Recreation Area for screening before it is shipped to Alameda.

"Those offices that have excess equipment and furniture lying around should turn it in now. The faster they do it the better," Almonte said.

Buffalo Soldier exhibit

An exciting and informative exhibit at the Presidio Museum commemorating the important role played by African American soldiers, commonly referred to as Buffalo Soldiers, will open at 11 a.m. April 22 for a 65-day run.

The exhibit will open on the same day the U.S. Postal Service issues its 29-cent Buffalo Soldier stamp as a part of the celebration of American history and achievement series.

Sponsored by the Fort Point and Presidio Historical Association, the National Park Service (Golden Gate National Recreation Area), San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society and the Sixth U.S. Army, the exhibit will feature unique and rare black and white period photographs that tell the story of African American soldiers from the post Civil War era through the turn of the century.

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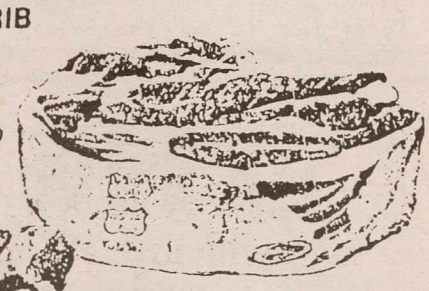

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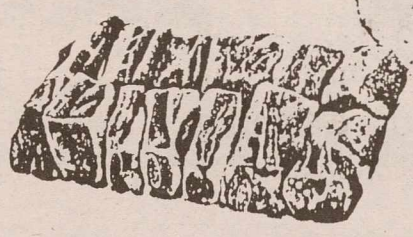

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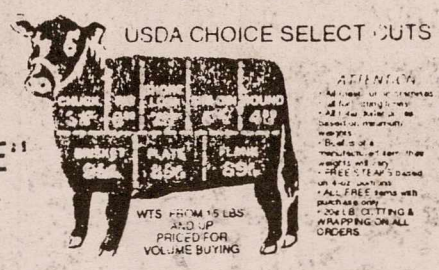

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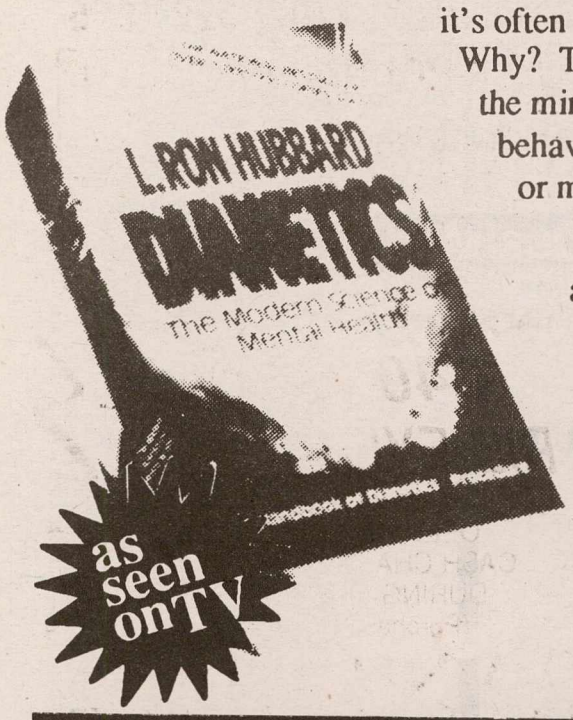

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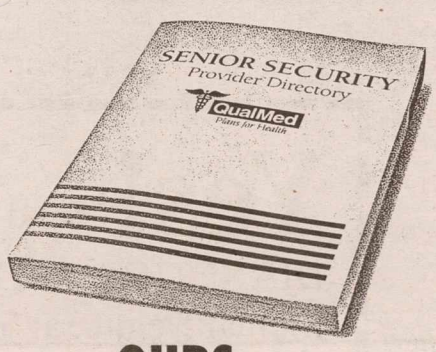

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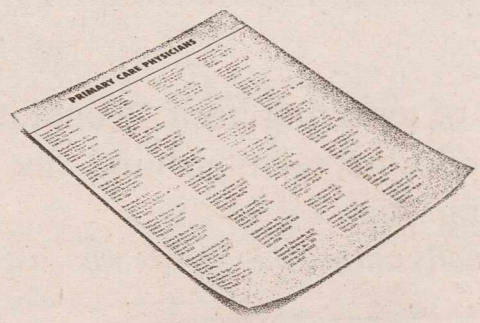

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Number one!

Showing their appreciation and support, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic's partisan crowd rises to its feet after Jerod White slams in two points to help LUSAHC seal a 79-55 victory over USAG #I April 14 in Gym No. 1, Building 63. The victory over the previously undefeated team extended the playoffs by one game, giving this same crowd a second chance to witness its team come from behind to beat USAG again, 74-72, and win the tournament title Tuesday night in Gym No. 2, Building 1152. See the story on Pages 12 and 13.

VSIP News

New law changes DoD buyout policy

By Sharon Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Are you considering taking a buyout? If so, you need to know about some changes to the Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay, or VSIP, laws.

According to a recent *Federal Times* article by Chet Bridger, there are new limitations to the government-wide buyout program that were not imposed in DoD's VSIP -- limitations which now apply to DoD.

The Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994, signed into law by President William Clinton on March 30, says that, in order to "avoid or minimize involuntary separations due to restructuring, executive branch agencies may pay voluntary separation incentive payments (VSIP) to employees in any component, occupation, and/or location up through March 31, 1995, and delay employee separations up to March 31, 1997, to ensure performance of the agency's mission."

The act goes on to explain that, in order to receive a VSIP offer, an employee must:

-- Be serving under appointment without time limit.

-- Have 12 months of continuous service.

-- Not be a reemployed annuitant or eligible for disability retirement.

The VSIP amount is the lesser of $25,000 or an employee's severance pay entitlement.

Here is where the changes come in.

According to both the wording of the act and Bridger's article, people taking the buyouts are excluded from working for any agency for five years.

The employee must repay the full VSIP if employed by the government, by appointment or personal services contract, within that five year period. The only exception to this is that OPM may waive repayment where an individual with unique abilities is the only qualified candidate for appointment to a position.

Bridger stated that under the DoD program, employees were excluded for just one year from Defense jobs and faced no exclusion from other agencies.

Early retirement under VSIP became more expensive for agencies under the Restructuring Act, too.

Federal agencies must now pay nine percent of the final basic salary of each employee who takes an incentive AND voluntary early retirement under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) during fiscal years 1994 and 1995.

A fee of $80 per year for each employee on an agency's rolls under CSRS or Federal Employees Retirement System) as of March 31 of fiscal years 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 is also required -- regardless of whether an agency uses VSIPs.

Army children deserve their month

His mother's love

Staff Sgt. Lavonne Taylor visits her son, Christian, at the Child Development Center during one of the activities held to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Although Christian is just 9 months old, his mother and father, Sgt. Hal Taylor, ensure he knows he is loved and appreciated.

photo by Spc. Adrienne Story

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

April is the Month of the Military Child. You may wonder why the Army dedicates a month to their children and not to the service members.

When we move from station to station, state to state and country to country, we are not making sacrifices, we are making a choice. As military members, we choose to serve in the Armed Forces knowing we will go where the Army sends us. Our children, however, are making sacrifices. They have no choice.

Although it is a great opportunity for children to see the world, most would probably prefer to stay in one place with all their friends, instead of trying to make new friends every time they have to move.

Our children just become comfortable with their school, the neighborhood and make new friends, when it's time for you to PCS.

They continually make sacrifices. For all those sacrifices, they deserve a month dedicated to them. Actually they deserve a year. Every day should be dedicated to our children.

Every day we should tell them we love them and thank them for their sacrifices.

When we are packing our belongings and think how stressful moving is, we should remember how stressful it is on our children. This is the time your child needs you most. Although you're busy because of the move, you need to take time out to explain to your children why you are moving. Let them know it's not because they are being punished. Some children blame themselves for many things. This is one you can prevent them from feeling guilty about.

Let your children know they are appreciated all year. During the Month of the Military Child, do something special with your children. After all it's their month.

Commentary

Closure marks new era for Presidio

By Lt. Col. David McClure
Individual Mobilization Augmentee, Sixth U.S. Army

Another chapter in the history of the Presidio is about to close. This should be an excitement in the lives of those responsible for this historic chapter. Whether you are military or a civilian who may or may not be here after October 1, you should grasp the significance of this event, however disruptive you may think it is in your own life.

Everyone connected with life on the Presidio should realize the historical perspective of what is taking place. Becoming knowledgeable about the past history will help to develop a sensitivity to what is taking place today and to insure that key pieces of this history are not destroyed in the haste to cease or move different areas of responsibility.

We should stand tall and proud to show a true dedication to the theme that the Army has portrayed through the years as "Guardians of the Golden Gate" and make this a truly remarkable time in history.

This is not the "end" but the "beginning" of a new era in the history of the Presidio. No one really knows what the future has in store for the Presidio; only time will tell. To realize that you are a part of this historical event should make you smile and puff up with pride. No matter what your assigned role has been, your part was important and will be recorded in history.

A NEW HISTORY

As the role of the Presidio of San Francisco is changing, so too is the Army changing in providing the most professional and highly trained forces in the defense of our nation and to protect our freedom and democratic form of government.

We in the military will not forget our role and hopefully this will not be forgotten by the new "Guardians of the Golden Gate" -- the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The historical significance of the Presidio in the defense of our country should not be underscored byu special interest groups trying to push their own causes, which are worthwhile causes but are not the only goals that must be met.

Decisions should be based on historical significance, and creative efforts should be taken to preserve this part of our history and not destroy it based on individual attitudes or budgetary concerns only.

The "historical" designation of the Presidio brings with it a commitment and responsibility to protect for the benefit of our children and future generations. Ignoring this designation is first a violation of law and also a lack of respect for those who were committed to serving our nation.

Our nation is now facing new challenges and with the partnerships of local, state, federal and civilian agencies, maybe the Presidio can play a key role in meeting these new challenges. Its historical significance can be preserved while creating a new place in history.

Common sense tells me that taxpayers' dollars need not be wasted by tearing down usable facilities and then building new facilities later when certain needs and services will be met through the use of taxpayers' money.

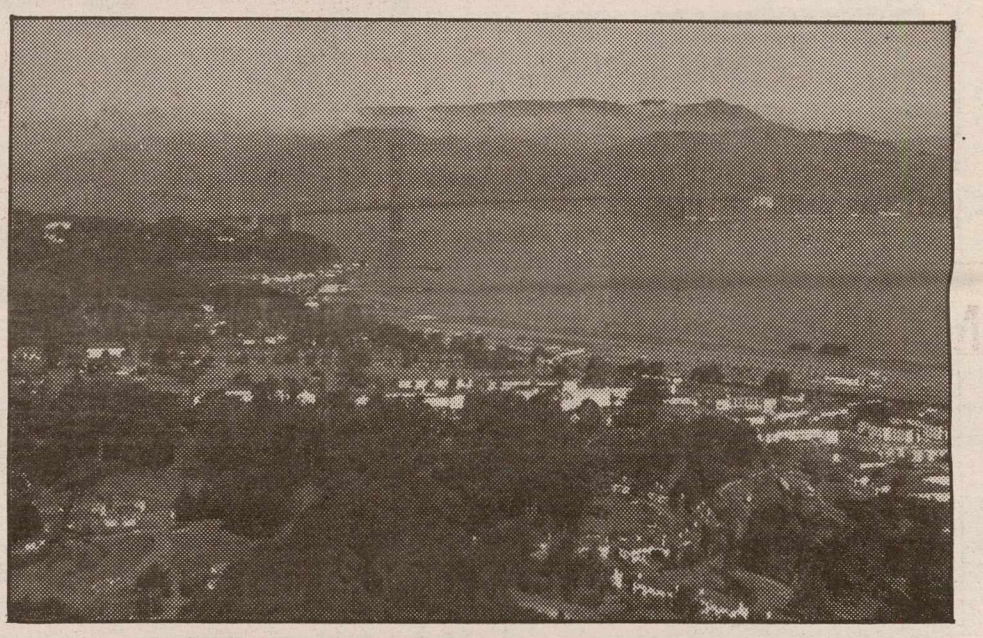
The key word that the new leadership must remember is to base decisions on historical significance and not other issues.

"WHOA, KEMOSABE"

Just as Tonto was a dedicated and loyal friend of the Lone Ranger, the good guy in the white hat, the U.S. Army has been the same for the Presidio of San Francisco -- but wearing a variety of colored hats.

Contrary to some public sentiment or comments from some local leaders that the U.S. Army has not been a great steward of the environment at the Presidio, this is not supported by historical records. Based on recorded facts of the Presidio history, these purported leaders may not reflect the true sentiments of the local population, nor do they merit factual documentation.

Early descriptions of the land and environmental conditions in the Bay Area are a definite contract of existing conditions today. Do we really want to revert to the



conditions that existed in the early days when the Presidio was first established, or to any other point during its history? We have to remember that initial efforts concentrated on providing protection and shelter for the soldiers stationed at the Presidio and were based on the standards acceptable at that time in history.

As the role of the Presidio changed throughout history, the military leadership sought to make the standard of living at the Presidio the best in the Army.

In the early 1800's, the Presidio forestation plan represented the first large-scale landscaping effort of its type in the Army. Between 1888-97, the Army planted nearly 100,000 trees on the Presidio at a cost of $58,000. A break from the traditional design of an Army post, to use the natural lay of the land for eye appeal, was used to plan and design the buildings at the Presidio.

These are just a few examples of how the Army leadership showed their concern about the environment long before this became a major concern of the local citizenry. Also, the willingness and cooperation with the civilian community has led to improving the quality of life for both the military and civilians in the San Francisco and Presidio area.

True, like anywhere else, and as new information and new standards are developed, we can look back and see some environmental concerns that could have been improved. However, great strides have been taken to rectify these oversights.

Just think what the Presidio would be like today if the Army leadership had not taken such bold stands early in the history of the Presidio.

For those who want to cry foul play, I think they need to focus on recapturing and taking the initiative to improve the environmental conditions in the city. Leaders will need to establish partnerships with the new owners of the Presidio, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, to continue what the Army started and to keep the pristine beauty and historical significance the Presidio represents as "Guardians of the Golden Gate" and for the freedom with which we as Americans are blessed.

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Job vacancy announcements

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Here are the latest job openings with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. For information on these positions, please contact the National Park Service Personnel Division, Bldg. 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123, or phone **556-2035**.

Forestry Technician, GS-462-4/5. Announcement GOGA-94R-22 closes today. There are three TEMPORARY positions to be filled. Positions are expected to last about six months but may be extended up to one year.

Biological Science Technician, GS-404-6. Announcement GOGA-94R-23 closes today. This is a TEMPORARY position, which is expected to last about six months but may be extended up to one year.

Historian (Cultural Resources Compliance), GS-170-07 (promotion potential to GS-09). Announcement GOGA-94-11 closes Monday.

Supervisory Park Ranger (Muir Woods Site Supervisor), GS-0025-09. Announcement GOGA-94-52 closes April 28.

Supervisory Park Ranger (Alcatraz Site Supervisor), GS-0029-09. Announcement GOGA-94-50 closes April 28.

Supervisory Park Ranger (Fort Point/Fort Mason Site Supervisor), GS-0025-09. Announcement GOGA-94-51 closes April 28.

Supervisory Park Ranger (Fort Funston Site Supervisor), GS-0025-09. Announcement GOGA-94-53 closes April 28.

Program Officer (Science Technology and Environmental Health), GS-343-11. Announcement GOGA-94R-24 closes April 28. This is a term appointment, the duration of which is expected to be four years. The selected candidate will be eligible for health and life insurance while employed under this appointment. The appointment may be terminated at any time prior to the not-to-exceed date, at the agency's discretion.

Program Officer (Community Service and Youth), GS-343-11. Announcement GOGA-94R-25 closes April 28. This is a term appointment, the duration of which is expected to be four years. The selected candidate will be eligible for health and life insurance while employed under this appointment. The appointment may be terminated at any time prior to the not-to-exceed date, at the agency's discretion.

Security Officer (Physical Security Specialist), GS-0080-12. Announcement GOGA-94-49 closes April 28.

The next list of vacancies was provided by the Outplacement Office. For information on these positions, call Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430**.

City of San Ramon, Calif.: Senior Traffic Signal Technician.

Santa Rosa Junior College: Chemistry Instructor; Chef Instructor, Culinary Training Program; Business Administration, Marketing; Campus Police Lieutenant.

Fitzsimons Army Medical Center: Health Systems Specialist.

U.S. Coast Guard: Environmental Engineer.

Navy Public Works Center: Realty Specialist, Lead Industrial Hygienist.

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Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service: Employee Relations Specialist.

Marine Corps Logistics Base: Supervisory Financial Management Advisor.

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Bay Area Community Services, Inc.: Senior Nutrition Dining Site Director, Administrative Assistant, Food Service Driver (part-time & substitute).

Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service: Production Machinery Mechanic.

U.S. Geological Survey: Student Trainee (Computer Science), Museum Tech (Geology).

U.S. Mint: Personnel Staffing & Classification Specialist, Telecommunications Specialist, Staff Account, Systems Accountant.

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The San Francisco Veterans Employment Committee is sponsoring a **Veterans Job Fair**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 6, at the Fort Mason Conference Center, Bldg. A.

The job fair is open to the public and there is no admission fee. Many companies, representing business and industry, will market their programs/products and discuss job openings with qualified personnel, so bring resumes and cover letters. Call **557-0824** for additional information.

The Job Resource Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow. If you have been too busy to get away from your office and work on an SF 171 or resume, now is the time! Make an appointment by calling **561-2554**.

Do you know which way to turn when it comes to planning your job search and your future? You must have a plan! Attend the three-hour workshop on **Empowering Yourself**, 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday. Reservations are required, so call **561-2554** today. Administrative leave may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor.

Want to learn how to have a successful interview? You can learn about **Strategies for Successful Interviewing**, 9 a.m. to noon, May 4, at the Job Resource Center. Call **561-2554** to reserve a place in this class.

Military news

Some PCS expenses to be taxed

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Information Service

DoD is working to ensure service members affected by a change to the tax law will not pay moving expenses out of pocket.

The 1993 Revenue Reconciliation Act changed tax rules on moving expenses that make taxable the temporary lodging expense and temporary lodging, dislocation and move-in housing allowances paid to service members. Edwin Dorn, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, vows service members will not be hurt by this.

"We're going to find a way to compensate them for the additional expenses, or we're going to find a way to exempt them from these expenses," Dorn said. "We do not believe military personnel should bear any additional costs when they move for the military's convenience."

The tax changes, effective Jan. 1, add from hundreds to thousands of dollars of tax burdens to service members. DoD civilians are not affected. More than 800,000 service members move yearly, with 200,000 coming from and going overseas.

Under the change, service members moving overseas would be most affected. For example, an E-4 moving with his family to Aviano, Italy, who receives a 90-day temporary lodging allowance of $13,000 would almost double his taxable income. In another example, an E-5 and O-4 moving to Naples would pay $1,757.85 and $3,896 in extra taxes, respectively.

For those moving within the United States, temporary lodging expense is also taxable. "It's a few hundred dollars, but it's a support for people moving from one base to another," Dorn said. "It's really intended to cover those extraordinary expenses anybody encounters during a move.

"(Service members) are not moving by choice," he said. "That's one reason we want to hold people harmless. People do take money out of pocket, and moving can be very expensive, . . . especially when moving overseas or vice versa.

"We try to keep them from taking money out of pocket. We want to continue that situation. We want military personnel to be able to move where we need them, not simply to move where they can afford to move. That's the problem we have now."

Dorn said everyone in the Pentagon, starting with Defense Secretary William J. Perry and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, is working "to get this fixed."

Perry, Dorn and other Pentagon officials are working with members of Congress, the Treasury Department and the Office of Management and Budget on this problem. Dorn said there are two ways to fix the situation: Congress must raise the DoD appropriation, or DoD absorbs the increase internally.

DoD fiscal 1994 estimates for temporary lodging allowance and temporary lodging and expense are $127.8 million and $82.9 million, respectively. To ensure service members bear no extra tax would mean having to find another $72.9 million.

"Taking the funds internally obviously would cause us serious trouble," Dorn said. "The department is already strained and having trouble covering operations and maintenance and military personnel salaries."

In the long run, DoD would like Congress to change the law to exempt military personnel moving expenses.

Aetna informs beneficiaries

TRICARE (CHAMPUS) Prime members in Northern California should have received a letter in February from Aetna confirming their TRICARE Prime membership and identifying whether their Primary Care Manager (PCM) under the Foundation Health plan is participating in the Aetna TRICARE Prime provider network. If you have not received notification from Aetna, please call the Patient Service Center at **561-4509**.

Members whose Foundation Health PCMs are not participating in the Aetna TRICARE Prime network should receive a notice which will give instructions on how to choose a TRICARE Prime network PCM. To change your PCM, please mail in the Aetna change form, call your local CHAMPUS service at **561-0650**, or the Aetna Enrollment Services at **1-800-451-8552**.

If you have not yet received your TRICARE Prime enrollment card, please contact Letterman's Patient Service Center, Room 215, or phone **561-4509/4923**.

The Department of Defense has initiated a new pharmacy program to benefit Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries affected by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). This will include Medicare-eligible beneficiaries living in the Letterman catchment area, with ZIP codes in San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin and parts of Santa Clara counties.

Eligible beneficiaries have two choices to use the program.

The first choice is to take your prescription, written by a military or civilian physician, to an Aetna Government Health Plans network pharmacy (Walgreens in San Francisco County only, Long's Drugs in other areas of northern California). You must tell the pharmacist that you wish to have the prescription filled under the BRAC program. You will be required to present your military ID card, proof of Medicare eligibility and documentation of current address (a driver's license is preferred).

You will then pay 20 percent of the prescription cost per prescription, per 30-day supply, and the remaining 80 percent will be paid by Department of Defense.

The second choice is a mail order pharmacy benefit. The benefit details and the necessary forms are in a brochure which may be obtained at Letterman's CHAMPUS Service Center. With this option, you pay $8 per prescription for a 60-day supply, and refills are available. Prescriptions will only be mailed to Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries at their home addresses within a BRAC site ZIP code. Your DEERS status must be up-to-date or you may be denied this benefit.

Your DEERS status may be checked at Outpatient Records at Letterman and updated, if necessary, at the ID Card Section on the Presidio.

Questions concerning these pharmacy benefits and which ZIP codes are included should be directed to the Patient Service Center, **561-4509**; the CHAMPUS Service Center, **561-0660** (dial the seven-digit number on post), or; Walgreens Healthcare Plus Customer Service, **1-800-345-1985**.

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AAFES News

The Class Six store will move into the Shoppette, Bldg. 1158, as of May 1.

Leave donation request

Sam Gong, an employee with the Directorate of Public Works, is experiencing a medical emergency. Gong, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact Kassel Kendricks at the Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, **561-3780**.

Military Records Review

Military Personnel Division (MPD) functions currently performed by the U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio, including Military Personnel Records Jacket (MPRJ) maintenance, will be transferred to the 9th Personnel Services Company (OSC), Fort Lewis, Wash., May 17.

As a prelude to this transfer of functions, all active-component soldiers assigned to Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, are invited to the MPD to review and update their records, i.e., ORBs (officers), DA Forms 2A & 2-1 (Servicemen's Group Life Insurance), and any other documents in the MPRJ.

Officer and Enlisted Records Specialists will be available for records review from 9 a.m. through noon today. Appointments are not required for this action.

Presidio Spouse Day

The Military Spouses' Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 6, at the *Presidio Officers'* Club. Active duty personnel, reservists, retirees and their spouses are invited to attend; all branches of service in the Presidio area are welcome to join us. The cost of the luncheon is $4.75 per person, with one spouse per family free (limited to the first 35 reservations).

The luncheon will include a tossed green salad, turkey sandwich on a kaiser roll, cup of soup, and self-serve ice cream sundaes.

Free child care will be available to those who make a reservation by May 3 (all children must have current immunization cards). CDC registration fees will be waived for the luncheon.

Call **561-4894** for reservations. In celebration of Spouses' Day, discounts to military spouses are being offered by the AAFES Post Exchange, Post Theater, Outdoor Recreation, ITT, Arts and Crafts Center, and the Auto Crafts Shop. Other gifts will be given away at the luncheon in honor of our military spouses.

Botanical gardens benefit

"Celebrating a Strybing Spring," sponsored by Strybing Arboretum Society and benefiting San Francisco's Botanical Gardens, will take place from 5-8 p.m., May 21, at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park (entrance at Friend Gate across from the Japanese Tea Garden).

Enjoy food, wines, and music amidst two of the Gardens' most colorful collections, the Zellerbach perennial garden and Menzies Garden of California Native Plants, at the height of the season. For information or to purchase tickets, contact the Strybing Arboretum Society at **661-1316**.

Attention, soldiers!

If you have had business transactions with an agency called **Lincoln International**, please contact Capt. Craig Minnick at the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Legal Assistance Division, **561-4273**.

Volunteer recognition

In honor of Presidio volunteers, and as part of National Volunteer Week, Family Support Division sponsors the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, 3-5 p.m. today at the Presidio Officers' Club. All Presidio volunteers are invited to attend.

For details, contact Susan Burzo at **561-4147.**

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'Fiddler on the roof' 94's Mountain Play

By Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux
Deputy, Public Affairs Office

It's my favorite time of year again--not just because the weather is warmer for hiking in the Marin Headlands. This is the time to make plans for attending the Mountain Play on Mount Tamalpais, and this year's musical is the ever popular "Fiddler on the Roof."

In case you're new to the area or have just been in a fog and haven't heard about it, here are the details on the Mountain Play.

My introduction to the Mountain Play was on my first hike on Mount Tam when I saw a sign pointing to the mountain theater. Curious, I asked my hiking companion about it, and he explained that every year a play is presented on certain Sundays in May and June on a particular spot located high up on the mountain. Although called a theater, the spot is really an outdoor meadow complete with rows of stone seats that look out toward the San Francisco skyline.

The stage is a flat area in front of the seats where the sets for each play are placed. Because the stage is outdoors, it is surrounded by the natural beauty of the mountain and allows for the use of live animals and real buildings like the barn and farmhouse used for the musical "Oklahoma." The backdrop is the Marin Headlands, including Sausalito, the Golden Gate Bridge and the city of San Francisco far in the distance.

The outdoor location provides not only a beautiful natural setting for the plays, but the weather also provides some interesting effects on occasion. For example, one year a rainstorm almost drowned Rip Van Winkle, and the acting abilities of the cast of "Girl of the Golden West" were sorely tested when they performed a blizzard scene during a heat wave. The actual temperature on the mountain at the time was 101 degrees. And then fog can add a dimension of realism if it comes in at the appropriate time, as it did one year during "The Sound of Music."

The history of the Mountain Play is long and interesting, dating back to the first production, a morality play, in 1913. With the exception of 1924 (when there was an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease) and four years during World War II when the mountain was under Army control, the Mountain Play Association has continued the tradition annually for 75 years.

Over the years the audiences have swelled and ebbed as different problems have been encountered and overcome. Now the amphitheater is limited to audiences of nearly 4,000 for each performance, so the play sells out quickly.

Because parking on the mountain is quite scarce, most people arrive on buses that pick them up at one of two parking lots in Mill Valley. Those who are more interested in making an excursion of it can hike from any number of starting points, the longest being about six miles away at the Depot Cafe/Bookstore in Mill Valley's town center.

If you ride the bus but want to hike down the mountain after the play, you may have whatever you brought with you (such as a seat cushion and picnic basket) taken by bus to the Depot Cafe, where you will be met and taken back to the parking lot where you were picked up before the play. This service is free, and the buses depart the parking lots continuously between 9:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. prior to the play, which begins at 1 p.m. on May 22 and 29 and every Sunday in June. When you ride the bus, you will be given a token that entitles you to a ride back from the mountain theater or the Depot Cafe.

For the past two years, I've hiked to the play from the Mountain Home Inn on the Panoramic Highway, about one-third of the way up to the theater. Each time I stopped for a break at the West Point Inn near the halfway point. It took about two hours (including the break) to reach the mountain theater. Each time I returned via the Matt Davis Trail, which took about the same amount of time, even though it was downhill, because the trail was crowded with other play-goers. If you enjoy hiking in one of the most scenic areas of the country (and probably the world), I heartily recommend including the hike. Added to the treat of a major musical theatrical production in a natural setting, it makes for a unique experience and a day you will no doubt remember for years to come. The exercise will be good for you, but be sure to wear sturdy shoes!

Maj. Wanda Arceneaux

Characters from "Oklahoma" sing a duet in front of a real farm house on the stage at the outdoor mountain theater.

Picnicking is allowed at the mountain theater, and you may bring your own or purchase what you need there. Beverages, deli sandwiches, pizza, ice cream and other such treats are for sale before and during the play. Stadium seats may also be rented, because the stone seats can become uncomfortable after a few hours. You may bring your own, but be warned that chairs are not allowed. I recommend bringing a cushion if you don't have a stadium seat and a lightweight blanket or windbreaker, because the weather can change quickly on the mountain. Dressing in layers is usually a smart thing to do. A sun visor or hat may also come in handy, as will sunscreen if it's a sunny day. Overall, the atmosphere is very casual and relaxed, so you can dress comfortably.

In addition to the food facilities, there are toilets and a first aid station. You might also want to bring some spending money, because tee shirts and posters commemorating the play are sold at the mountain theater. There is even a weather hot line to call prior to the start of the play to determine if the play will be cancelled due to severe inclement weather. If that happens, as it did one Sunday last year, the play will be re-scheduled for another day.

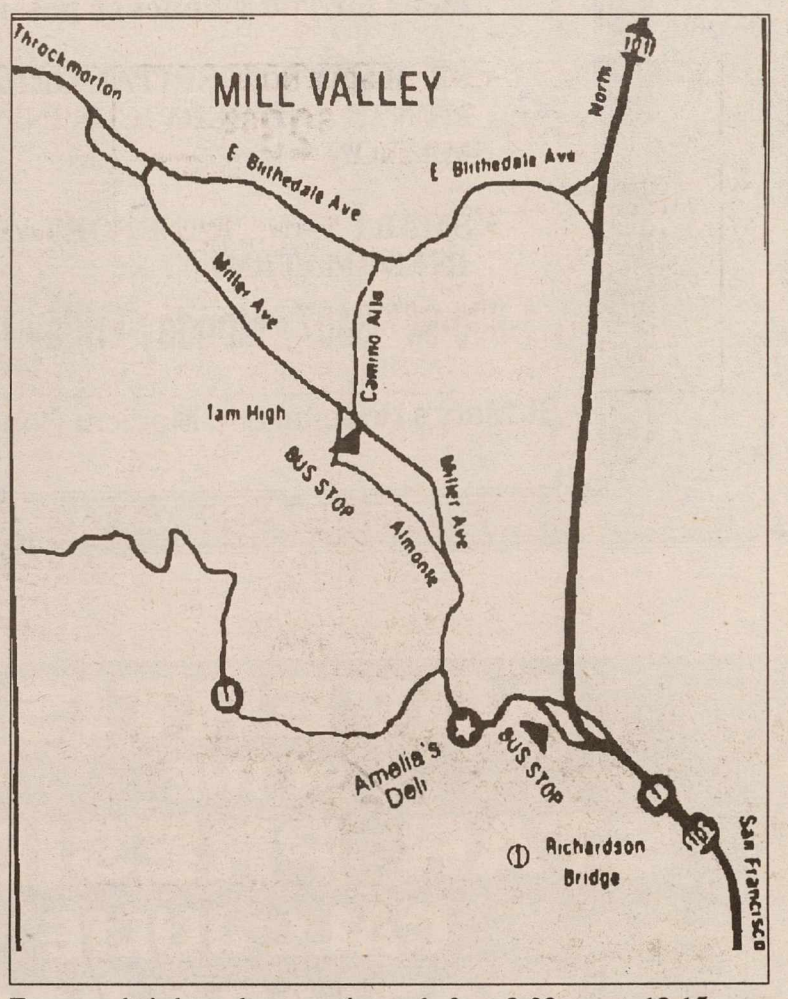
The productions are first rate if the past two years are an indication. The acting, costumes and sets for "Oklahoma" and "Music Man" ranked with the very best, in my opinion. But the Mount Tam location tops (literally) anything I've ever encountered in my theater-going experience.

Tickets are $14.50 for adults and $9.50 for children in May and $16 for adults and $11 for children in June. Groups of 15 or more get a $1 per ticket discount. Tickets may be ordered by phone or mail or purchased at several locations in Marin County. For information, call the Mountain Play Association at (415) 383-1100. The Presidio Information Tour and Travel (ITT) office also has information on how to obtain tickets. Their phone number is 561-3992.

If seeing "Fiddler on the Roof" in a mountain setting on a Sunday afternoon sounds like a fun outing to you, give them a call soon. The tickets won't last long.

Maj. Wanda Arceneaux

There's plenty of room for a real barn, farm animals and lots of singing and dancing cowboys and cowgirls on the stage of the mountain theater. This is from a musical number during the play "Oklahoma" which was the mountain play in 1992.



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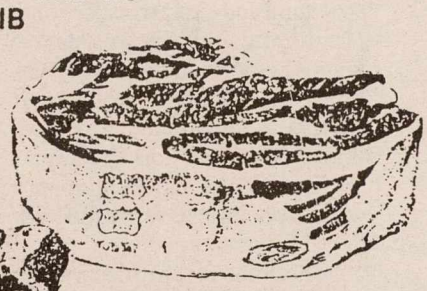

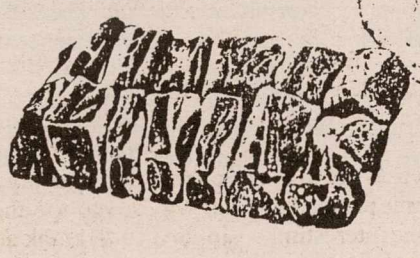

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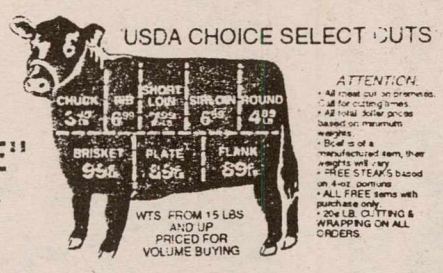

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Army fire fighter

Ex soldier becomes new park fire chief

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

All Presidians, take heed—there's a new fire chief on post.

Keith McElroy, 40, has seen his life as a fire fighter come full circle. He has been in this occupation for 19 years, 17 of them with the Department of Defense. He began his career in the Army's On the Job Training Program as a firefighter (51M20) at Fort Eustis, Va.

"Most of my experience has been with the DoD. I am just as concerned about service to the Army community as anyone, and I want the soldiers to know that our service to them will not diminish," McElroy said.

McElroy, who's trained for structural and aircraft inspections, later went to Fort Greeley, Alaska, where he performed inspections on the Alaskan Oil Pipeline as it was being constructed. The pipeline runs beneath Fort Greeley.

His new job places him in a unique position as far as the Park Service is concerned.

"This is the first fire department that the Park Service has run," McElroy said. "We do have fire management offices and other facilities for fighting wildfires in other Park Services locations, but this is the first time we've operated a fire department that serves residents, homes and other facilities typical of a small city."

McElroy said that the fire fighting crew will eventually be expanded to 40 fire fighters. The fire department has 36 fire fighters now who work 24-hour shifts.

"We're reliable and can handle any needs without compromising safety to workers, occupants and visitors," McElroy said.

The 6-feet-4-inch fire chief said he will be instituting some innovative programs to meet the fire department's new role with the Park Service.

McElroy, a state certified hazardous materials officer, said he intends to develop a hazardous materials response team at the Presidio. He received his certification while serving at El Toro Marine Air Station, Calif., where he also Corps helped develop their hazardous materials team.

"I'm deeply indebted to Chief William J. Williams Jr. [who retired April 15] for his expertise and for making this a smooth transition. He's been more than a fire chief; he's been a friend during the short time that I've known him. I hope to utilize him as a consultant in the future because of his expertise and experience with this park."

McElroy said the Presidio also has something unique to Army fire departments. The fire station's crew includes eight full-time paramedics who form the ALS program. Most other Army fire departments only have emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

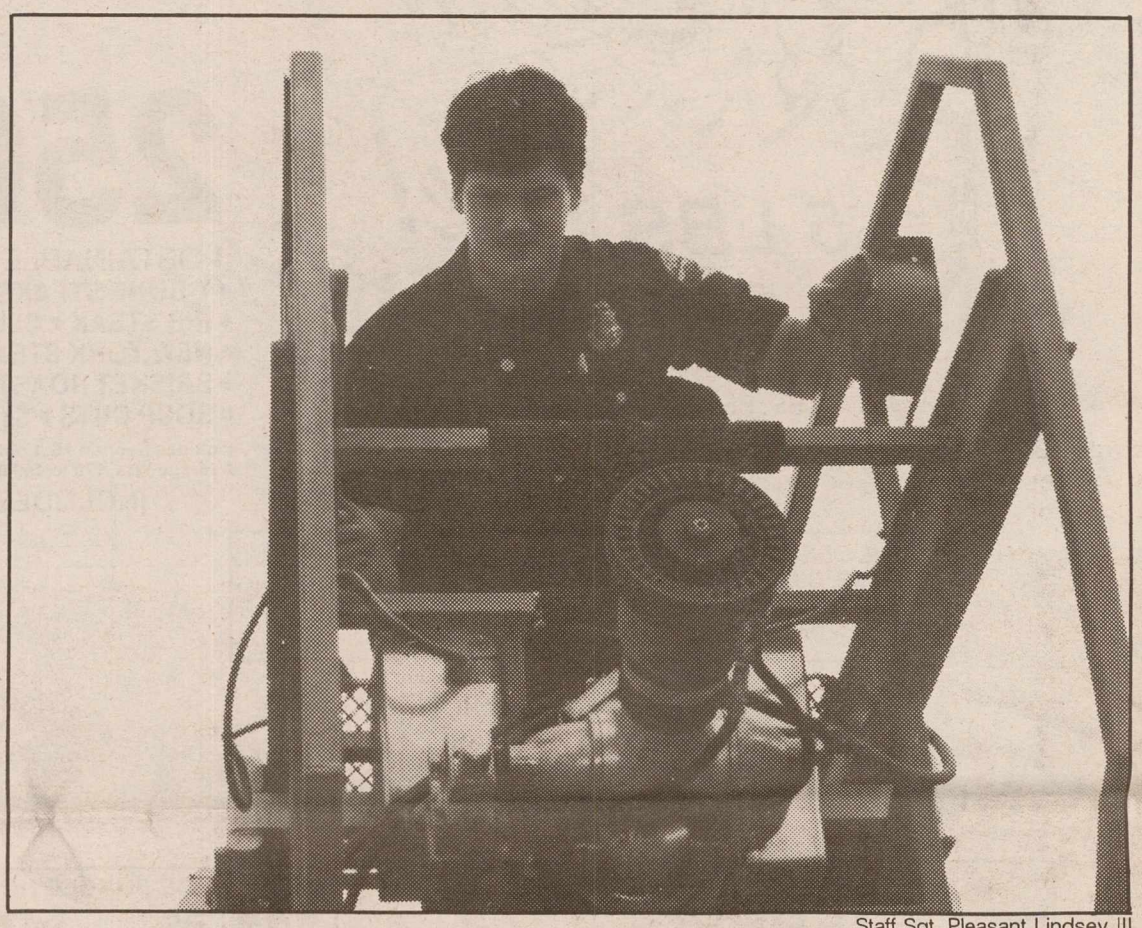
McElroy said the fire department will be looking for creative, innovative ways to update its training and equipment. he plans to eventually move his offices into Building 35 to join the Park Police as part of the Public Safety Center.

He said he's looking forward to acquiring a new apparatus bay and constructing newer, more modern living quarters for the firefighters. The present building is a historical site, McElroy explained, and attempts to upgrade the facility would cause more damage than good.

McElroy said he will be seeking accreditation by the International Association of Fire Chiefs by having a systematic program that reflects all aspects of fire fighting. Also, he will be looking to establish an automatic, formal mutual aid agreement with the San Francisco Fire Department.

It all adds up to service for the Presidio of San Francisco.

"The fire department is public service oriented to provide the best in fire protection and prevention services that can be provided," McElroy said.



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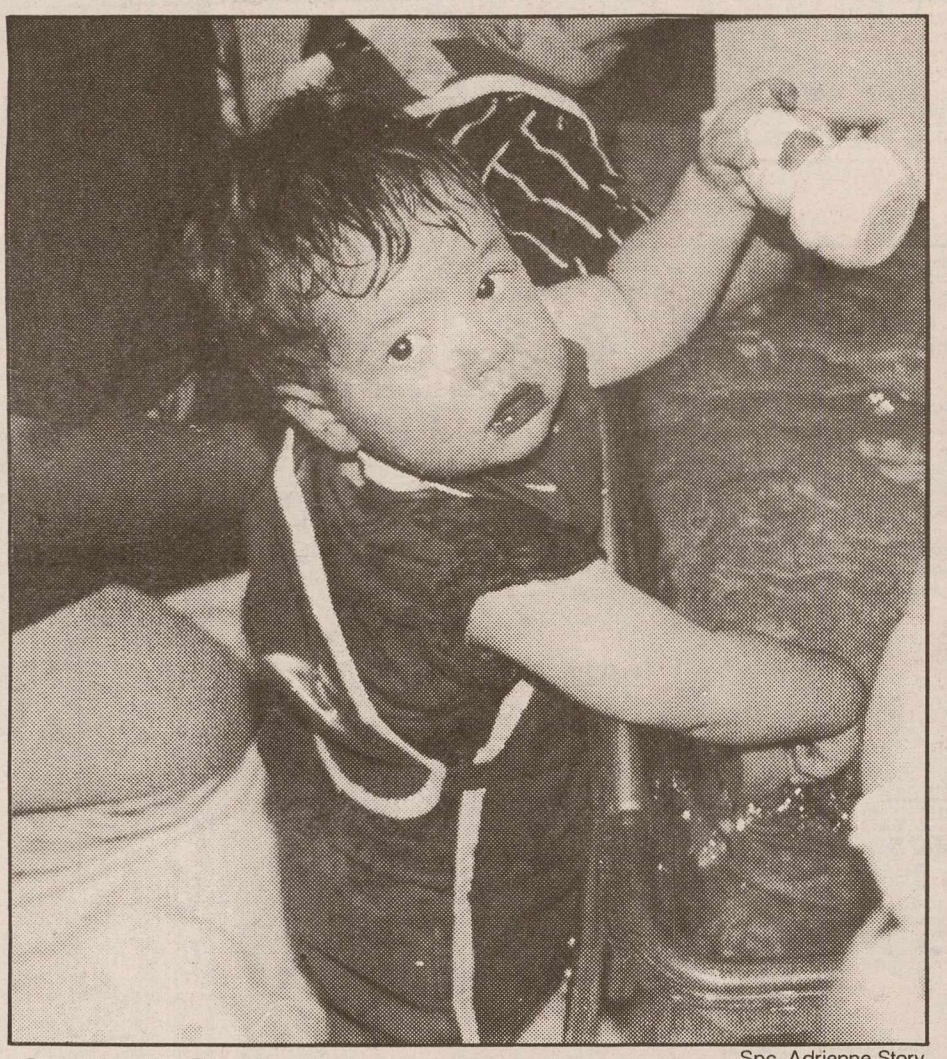
During his preinspection of the fire enginge, Andrew Bernard, Presidio firefighter, checks out the truck's hose and ladder.



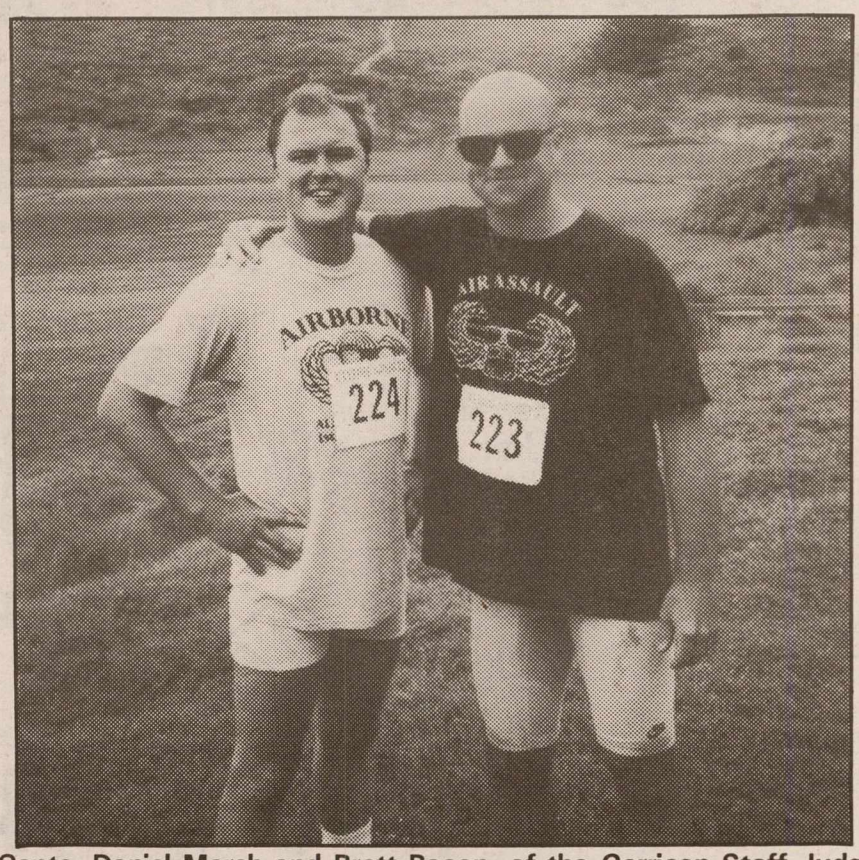
Spc. Adrienne Story

Splish Splash

Cullen, 17 months, plays in the water at the Presidio Child Development Center April 15. The care providers held a special event for the kids and their parents for the Month of the Military Child. The Infant Room had a play day with water play and painting. The parents also enjoyed a snack with their children.

Quarters of Excellence

It's time again for the Quarters of Excellence judging. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy will be out surveying all of the quarters on post from Monday through April 29. She will be evaluating the care of lawns, maintenance of exteriors and general upkeep of the residential areas. The announcement of the winners will be some time between May 2 and 6. This will be her last Quarters of Excellence inspection on post, as she will be standing in the retirement ceremony Thursday. Now is your chance to give her something to remember you by.



Capts. Daniel Marsh and Brett Bacon, of the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate Office, completed the Golden Gate Marin Headlands Half-Marathon in 103 minutes April 2. They are training for th Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C., this fall.

Sharon Everett-Roles

Eduardo Bonilla, Sixth U.S. Army protocol, reenlisted for three years. He will assify to become a supply sergeant. The April 6, reenlistment ceremony was held he foggy Fort Point.

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Claudia Moller received the Army Medal for Civilian Service at a cook-out held in her honor at the Headquarters Command Battalion. Moller was also presented the boot (a framed drawing of a combat boot) to represent her dedicated service to Presidio soldiers as the Schools Officer. She will continue serving military members at Travis Air Force Base.

Meserve and Angela Glasper greet customer's at "Joy's esso Bar" daily between the Post Exchange and the PX Mall.

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1st Lt. Charles Kelso, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., executive officer, earned the Army Commendation Medal before he ended his tour of service. He was presented his medal, the boot and a plaque with a cannon round by his comapny commander, Capt. Tracy Sharpe, at a cook-out and ceremony held April 15 at the Headquarters Command Battalion.

Best selling author visits post

aron E. Everett-Roles
resident staff

t-selling author Harold Coyle (*Team Yan-right Star*) will visit the Presidio of San isco Officers' Club at 3:30 p.m., Wednes-o discuss the future of the U.S. Army. one is invited. Coyle will also be raphing copies of his books. Coyle was d to the Presidio of San Francisco by Maj. Robert S. Frix, Sixth U.S. Army Deputy nander for Active Components.

rle, who has been referred to by critics as om Clancy of the ground war," is also an dual Mobilization Augmentee in the G-ns Section of Central Command/Third Army at Fort McPherson, Ga. He holds the f lieutenant colonel.

"I've known Gen. Frix for some time, having served under him at Fort Hood, Texas, when he was the Chief of Staff of the 1st Cavalry Division and I was the G-3 training officer, and again during the Persian Gulf War, where I was his executive officer," Coyle said. "I have a great deal of respect and admiration for this man and will do whatever I can for him."

Coyle says the greatest challenge of writing futuristic ground war novels like his is keeping track of changes in the world.

"When I started writing the book, *The Ten Thousand*, Czechoslovakia was one country. Between the time I handed in the first draft of the manuscript and the book was published, two new countries came into existence: the Czech and Slovak Republics. Needless to say, I had to do some fancy, last minute rewriting to accommodate this new political reality!" he explained.

"I come up with story ideas by watching CNN, reading *U.S. News and World Report*," Coyle continued. "The conflicts we face now are not bolts out of the blue. They all have roots, many of them centuries old. The problems faced by the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia are excellent examples. Current events, as reported by the American media, provide many clues as to what might happen in the near future -- providing one is willing to do a little digging into the origins of the events and do some reflective thinking on their own. I believe that history, with few exceptions, is evolutionary not revolutionary."

Coyle has never sold movie rights to his books or stories. He said one person was interested in doing *Team Yankee*, but couldn't obtain the backing necessary to complete the project.

"Hopefully, some day, someone will look beyond the difficulties of making one of my books a movie and give it a shot," Coyle said. "Until then, I'll just keep plugging away doing what I do."

Coyle advises aspiring authors to remember that "they are what they read. For those of you who might be interested in writing for fun and profit, first, figure out what type of literature you like and what it is you like about it. When you have a grasp of this, select those authors you truly enjoy and study their works. Find out what it is about their stories and writing style that interests and entertains you. You need to have this well in hand, in my opinion, before you're ready to start. Otherwise, you'll find yourself thrashing about in a futile effort to reinvent the wheel."

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PX News

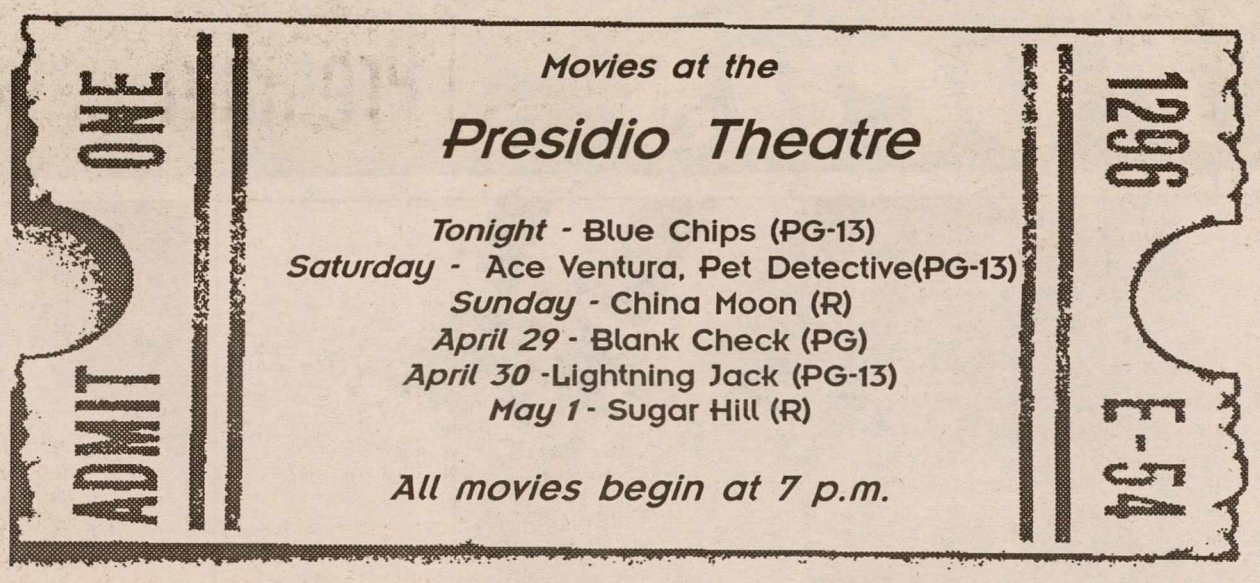
Beginning May 29, the Military Clothing Sales Store will be located in the Presidio Main Exchange, Bldg. 605.

Public Service award

Nominations are now being accepted for the GEICO Public Service Award. The Government Employees Insurance Company presents this award each year to four career civil service employees for special achievements and contributions to the public good. One award will be made in each of the following areas: substance abuse prevention and treatment, fire prevention and safety, physical rehabilitation, traffic safety and accident prevention. Nomination deadline is June 9. For information, contact Kassel Kendricks, Civilian Personnel Office, at **561-3780**.

EEO Award nominations

Nominations for the Secretary of the Army's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity are now being accepted. EEO awards will be given for significant contribution to the accomplishment of EEO program goals. The award will be given in two categories: civilian and military professionals, and employees, supervisors and managers. The nomination period is July 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993. The deadline for nominations to Fort McPherson, Ga., is May 11. Contact the Management-Employee Relations Division, Civilian Personnel Office, **561-3780**, for information and nomination packages.



Activity closure

The Presidio Education Center, Bldg. 1216, will close at 12:30 p.m. April 28 and reopen at 7:30 a.m. April 29. Closure will not affect classes which meet in the building.

Army Surgeon General

The Department of California Reserve Officers' Association proudly presents Lt. Gen. Alcide M. LaNoue, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, as guest speaker for the Medical Services Committee, 1:30 p.m., April 30, at the Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, Calif. Lt. Gen. LaNoue will share his vision of the future delivery of health care to military retirees and the changes imposed as a result of the military drawdown. Plan your schedules accordingly for this informative, insightful presentation. RSVP to Capt. Carol Zieres, **794-2051/2053**.

Kid Fest scheduled

The big wrap-up event for the Month of the Military Child takes place from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Youth Center and Child Development Center. Stop by to watch karate demonstrations, obtain information, munch a hot dog, and more!

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DPW column

Park service handles maintenance request

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

The following maintenance functions have been passed to the National Park Service: any problems with exterior lighting (street lights, parking lot floodlights), hazardous tree situations (limbs down on street, buildings, etc.), storm sewers.

The number to request a service order is **561-1802**. Should an emergency arise after normal duty hours, call the same number and your call will be transferred to the National Park Service Police Dispatcher.

The following personnel were presented with awards at a ceremony in the DPW Carpentry Shop, April 12:

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Service Awards: Robert Franko (15 years), John Lawler (10 years).

Special Act: Robert Wilkinson.

On-The-Spot Awards: Lawrence M. Borado, Michael Burgess, Gary F. Cooper, Nick Dilello, Michael Dragges, Ferdinand E. Munar, Pedro A. Papio, Jose Paranal, John C. Portuguiz, Daniel Skoufos, Lawrence J. Skufca, Billy L. Vogele, Stephen T. Wood.

Gold Coin Awards: Sonny Cubillo, Sam Gong, Michael J. Halloran, Cordell E. Ingram, James Newell, Muata Rasuli, Roland Robbs, Jose Saucedo.

Col. Frank Janecek, Director of Public Works, presented the Performance, Service and Special Act awards. Col. Gregory A. Renn, Garrison Commander, presented the On-The-Spot and Gold Coin awards. Congratulations to all on their outstanding achievements.

Presidio commemorates major contribution of Buffalo Soldiers

An exciting and informative exhibit at the Presidio Museum commemorating the important role played by African American soldiers, commonly referred to as Buffalo Soldiers, will open at 11 a.m. today for a 65-day run.

The exhibit will open the same day the U.S. Postal Service issues its 29-cent Buffalo Soldier stamp as a part of the celebration of American history and achievement series.

Sponsored by the Fort Point and Presidio Historical Association, the National Park Service (Golden Gate National Recreation Area), San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society and Sixth U.S. Army, the exhibit will feature unique and rare black-and-white period photographs that tell the story of the African American soldier from the post-Civil War era through the turn of the century.

The public is invited to attend exhibit ribbon cutting ceremonies today. Representatives from the National Park Service, U.S. Army and other sponsoring organizations will participate in the opening activities. The Sixth U.S. Army Band will provide fitting music. Adding to the excitement and pageantry of the opening ceremonies will be a Buffalo Soldier, from the 10th Cavalry of Northern California, in authentic uniform upon his trusty steed.

Buffalo Soldiers played an important role in taming the West and were very much a part of the Spanish-American War in Cuba and the Philippines. Buffalo Soldiers based at the Presidio of San Francisco also patrolled and helped develop national parks in California before the National Park Service was created.

There were four black Army regiments, the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry. While all regiments were at the Presidio of San Francisco at various times during this era, the 9th Cavalry was stationed here for the longest period, nearly three years.

The San Francisco National Cemetery, located in the heart of the Presidio, is the final resting place for approximately 455 Buffalo Soldiers.

"The African American Soldier in the U.S. Army, 1866-1902," was produced and designed by Anthony Powell. A noted expert on African American soldiers specializing in the history of Buffalo Soldiers, Powell has collected, cataloged and preserved hundreds of rare and unusual photographic images of African American men in the service of the U.S. Army. Powell will be the featured keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies.

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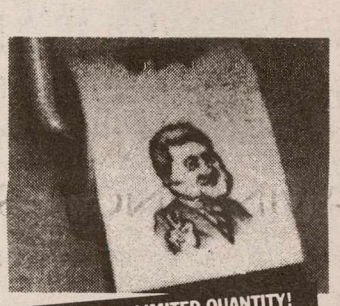

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Sports Briefs

Angel Island run

The 23rd Annual Angel Island Fun Run & Stride begins at 12:30 p.m., May 7. This four-and-a-half mile race with a flat start and hilly loop around beautiful Angel Island is one of the most scenic race courses in California. For information about this event, please call **781-6785**.

Bowling news

Summer bowling leagues are now forming. Sign up at the Presidio Bowling Center or call **561-5042**.

White Water Rafting Retreat

The Presidio Chapels are sponsoring a soldier's white water rafting retreat, May 12-13. The first 20 soldiers can sing up at $25 per person. Non-soldiers (family and friends) cost $70 per person and need to be cleared by Capt. (Chaplain) Randall Dolinger. We depart the Religious Activity Center at 1 p.m., May 12. We will camp out overnight, with volleyball and a visit to where the gold rush began. You will need your own camping gear (check with Outdoor Recreation). On May 13, we will go down 14 miles of the South Fork of the American River, which is eight miles north of Placerville, Calif. The river is rated Class III. We will return to the Religious Activity Center by about 9 p.m. Sign up with Cpl. Marina Urroz at **561-4719**. or contact Chap. Dolinger at beeper **245-0458**.

Walk America

The March of Dimes Walk America will begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow at the Great meadow. The walk will go thorugh the Presidio, across the Golden Gate Bridge and back, thorugh the Presidio and ends a the Great Meadow. The route will go through portions or Crissey Field, Marine Drive, McDopnald Street, Crissy Field Avenue, Hoffman Street, Lincoln Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, Arguello Boulevard, Moraga Avenue, Funston Avenue, Halleck Street and Gorgas Avenue.

March for Parks

The March for Parks walk-a-thon will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Entertainment will follow the walk from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Crissy Field. The route will cover an area on Crissy Filed, portions of Marine Drive, Hamilton Street, Crissy Field Avenue, McDowell Avenue to Kobbee Avenue, around the tennis courts to Upton Avenue to Fort Scott Parade Grounds, across Ralston Avenue, Ruckman Avenue, Appleton Avenue, Storey Avenue, across Park Avenue to McDowell Avenue, down Mason Street to Hamilton Street, Marine Drive and Crissy Field.

Overtime victory

LUSAHC wins tournament

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Brad Switter tipped in the winning basket at the buzzer to give Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic the tournament crown in a 74-72 overtime victory over USAG #I Tuesday night in Gym No. 2, Building 1152.

USAG coasted, undefeated, through its first three games in the tournament, only to lose to LUSAHC April 14 to extend the season.

In that game, LUSAHC took a hard fought 31-30 halftime lead and ran away with the game in the second half to whip USAG 79-55. This time USAG tried to turn the tables.

It seemed like everybody was there.

"If they bombed this building the whole post would be gone," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Handy, who was helping Spc. Linda Wilson lead USAG's cheering section.

USAG exploded to a 10-point lead by the seven minute mark with Vernon Fowler leading the charge. LUSAHC tried three offensive rebounds before Steve Canterberry cut the lead to eight points as his team trailed USAG, 27-19 with 6:19 remaining in the first half.

With 5:15 left, USAG's Donald Banks fed a cross-court pass to Isaac Levy, who then had his layup swatted away by LUSAHC's Wayne Rogers. Rogers was called for goaltending and USAG maintained the lead, 29-21.

LUSAHC's Bobby McMorris hit the second of his two 3-point shots with three minutes left and Jered White dropped in two more points to close the gap with USAG still leading, 32-28. But, USAG's Jason Thomas got three of those points back by driving to the hoop against Switter to score two points and draw the foul. His free throw was good and USAG's gap widened, 35-28.

In the remaining two minutes Thomas added a 3-pointer, a short jumper and to give USAG a 40-30 lead at half time. By this time Thomas had already scored 21 points, including a trio of 3-pointers.

USAG continued its domination in the second half and at one point had a 16-point advantage. However, LUSAHC never quit. After all, who likes a quitter?

With 12:41 on the clock, USAG's Dale Kennedy was left open to pop in a 3-point bucket and add a short jumper to stretch the lead to 47-33. Two minutes later, LUSAHC's Demetrius Allen fouled Levy as he was scoring. Levy's free throw made 51-37 in USAG's favor.

LUSAHC cut the lead to nine points, but Kennedy fired off another 3-pointer with 8:12 remaining to extend the lead, 54-40. USAG added two more baskets, but when Rogers answered with a dunk he turned and vented his feelings to Thomas. Unfortunately, the referee was standing there and he gave Rogers a technical foul. Thomas converted one shot and USAG led 60-43, with only 6:29 remaining in the game. Suddenly, LUSAHC came alive.

Now, LUSAHC's half of the crowd began to make some noise of its on. Lt. Col. Kelley Roberson, LUSAHC's deputy commander for administration, stomped his combat boot-clad feet every time one of USAG's players would go to the free throw line. LUSAHC's ball players responded.

Rogers converted two steals for four points and Switter scored two more and added a free throw to help cut USAG's lead, 62-57, with 2:52 remaining. Switter then forced Levy to step out of bounds and the turnover

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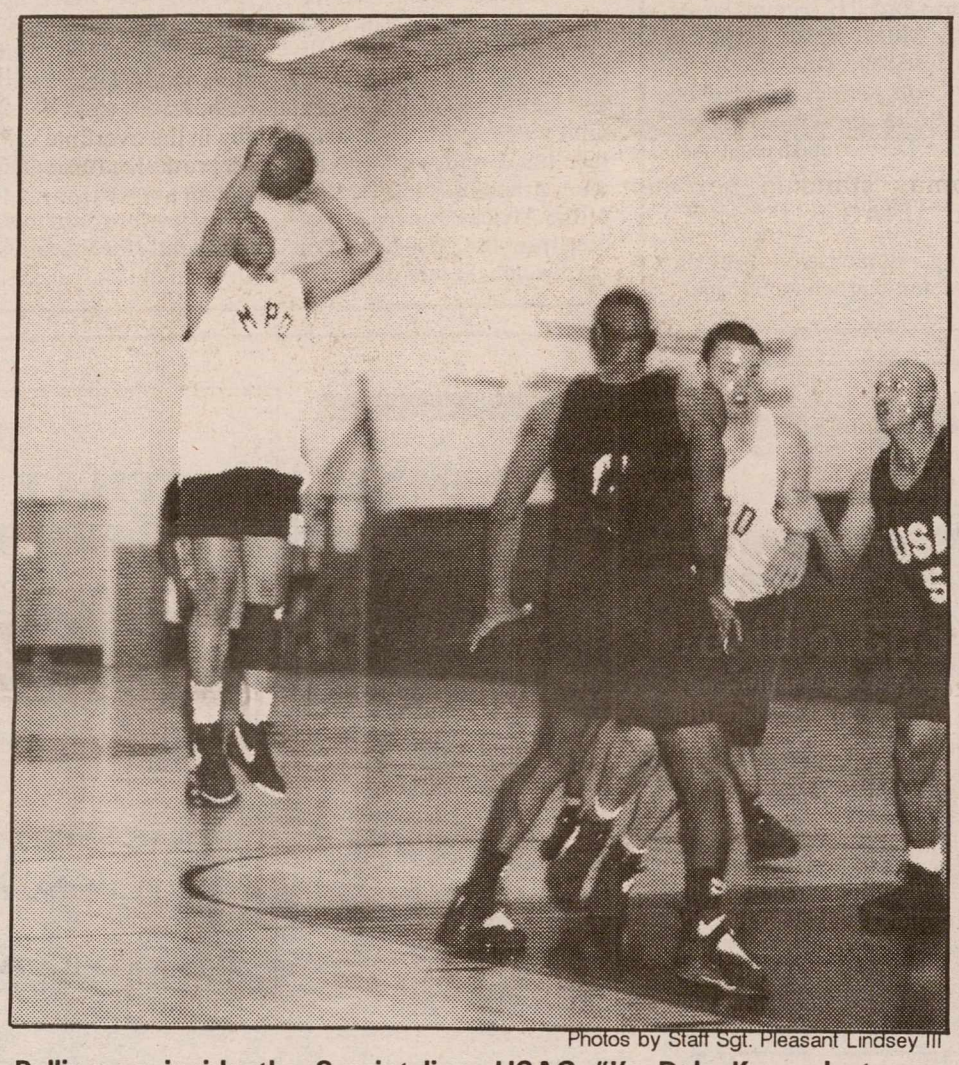

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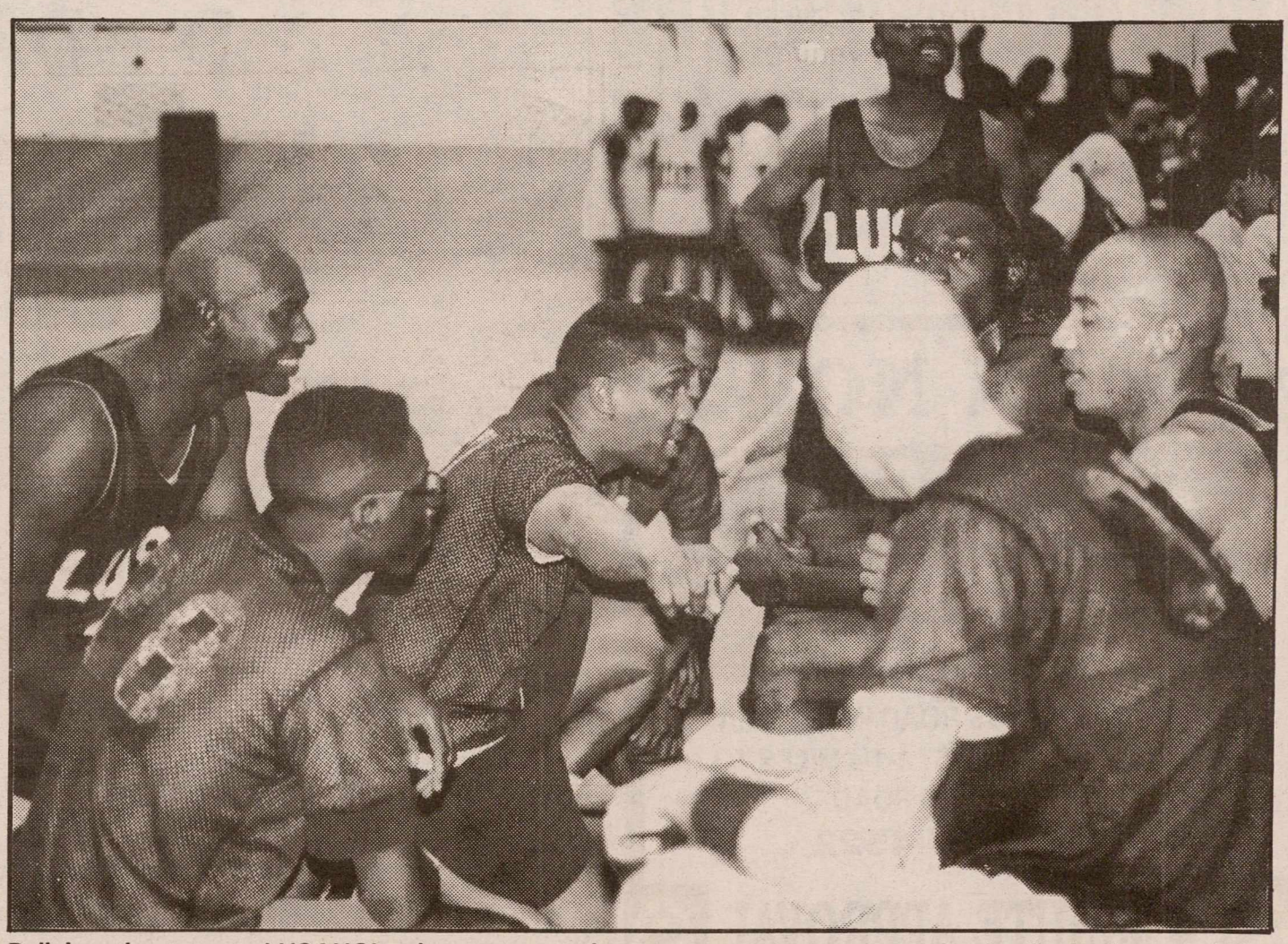
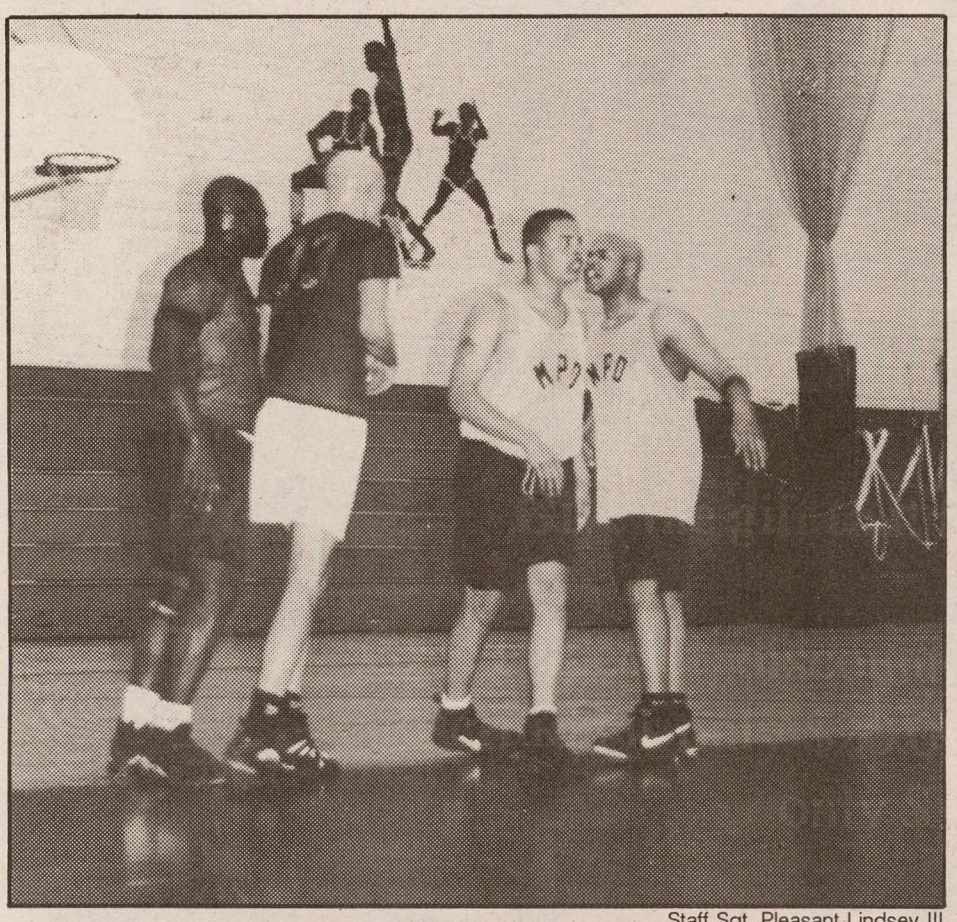
Pulling up inside the 3-point line, USAG #I's Dale Kennedy tosses in two more points to add to his 16-point total April 14.



Rallying the troops, LUSAHC's players use a timeout to go over strategy in the final minutes of the April 14 game in Gym No. 1.



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With Brad Switter and Jason Thomas standing between them, LUSAHC's Jerod White (left) and USAG'S Isaac Levy (right) express their mutual appreciation for one another April 14 in Gym No. 1. Their friendliness continued Tuesday night in Gym No. 2.

LUSAHC wins title in overtime, battles from 16-point deficit

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led to White driving for two points and a foul over Kennedy. After White's free throw the scoreboard showed USAG leading 62-60. Switter then took the ball inside, was fouled by Fowler and converted one shot from the line to narrow the lead, 62-61.

After Kennedy extended the lead with a 3-pointer, Rogers answered with two points. Then Fowler fell in front of LUSAHC's Allen, who had gone up and down with the ball. Thinking quickly, he pointed to Fowler who lay sprawled on the floor in front of him and the ref called a blocking foul on Fowler. Allen's two free throws tied the game, 65-65 with 1:10 showing on the clock. Allen then stole an inbound pass and Rogers laid in two points and a free throw to give LUSAHC the lead. Thomas then hit a 3-pointer on the opposite end from the right side of the basket to tie the game 68-68.

In less than seven minutes LUSAHC battled from a 16-point deficit to force a five-minute overtime period.

Three minutes went by in the overtime period before Kennedy drove the lane once for two points and received a pass from Levy to add two more. White then got those points back for LUSAHC. His steal from Fowler and subsequent dunk tied the game 72-72. There was 1:12 on the clock and the championship was on the line for the second time in one night.

After regaining possession, LUSAHC's McMorris and Allen passed the ball back and forth to wind the clock down. Since there's no shot clock they had all the time in the world.

As the final seconds ticked away, McMorris, White, and Switter each had rebound attempts bounce helplessly off the rim before Switter tapped it in at the buzzer. For one night, LUSAHC's players were kings of the court, and had a 74-72 victory to prove it.

Scoring

LUSAHC: Rogers 15 points, 7-12 free throws; White 13; McMorris 6, one 3-pointer; Willie Killens 6 (two 3-pointers); Canterberry 7, one 3-pointer.

USAG #I: Thomas 34 points, seven 3-pointers; Kennedy 17, four 3-pointers; Levy 8, two 3-pointers; Fowler 6, one 3-pointer.

April 14 scoring

LUSAHC: White 17 points, one 3-pointer; Rogers 14 , two 3-pointers; Switter, 14; Canterberry, 13; Allen 10.

USAG #I: Thomas 18; Kennedy 16; Fred Harter 10.

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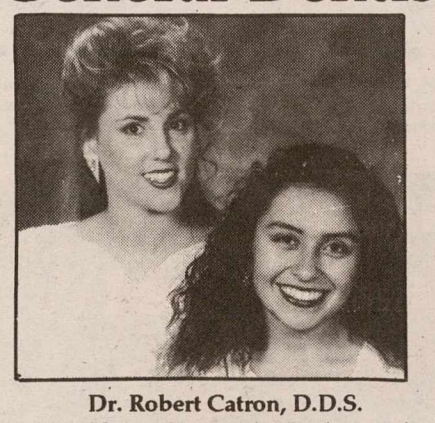

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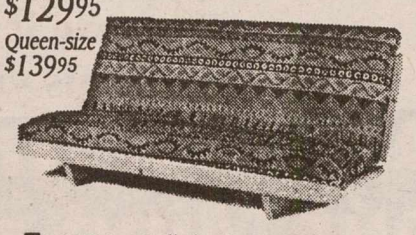
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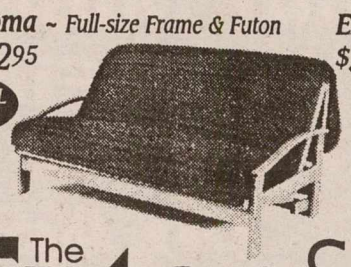
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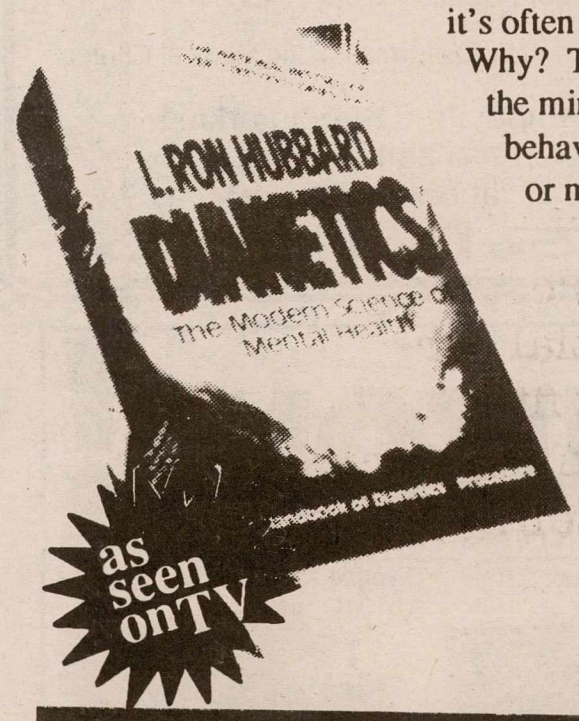

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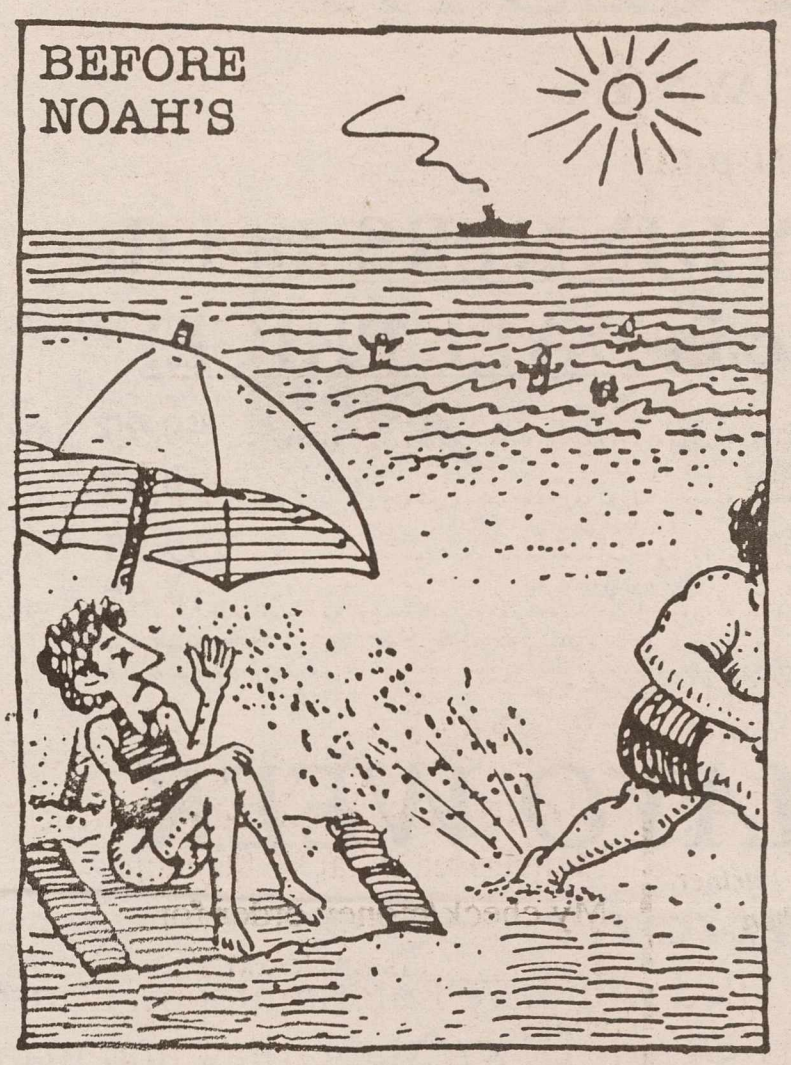

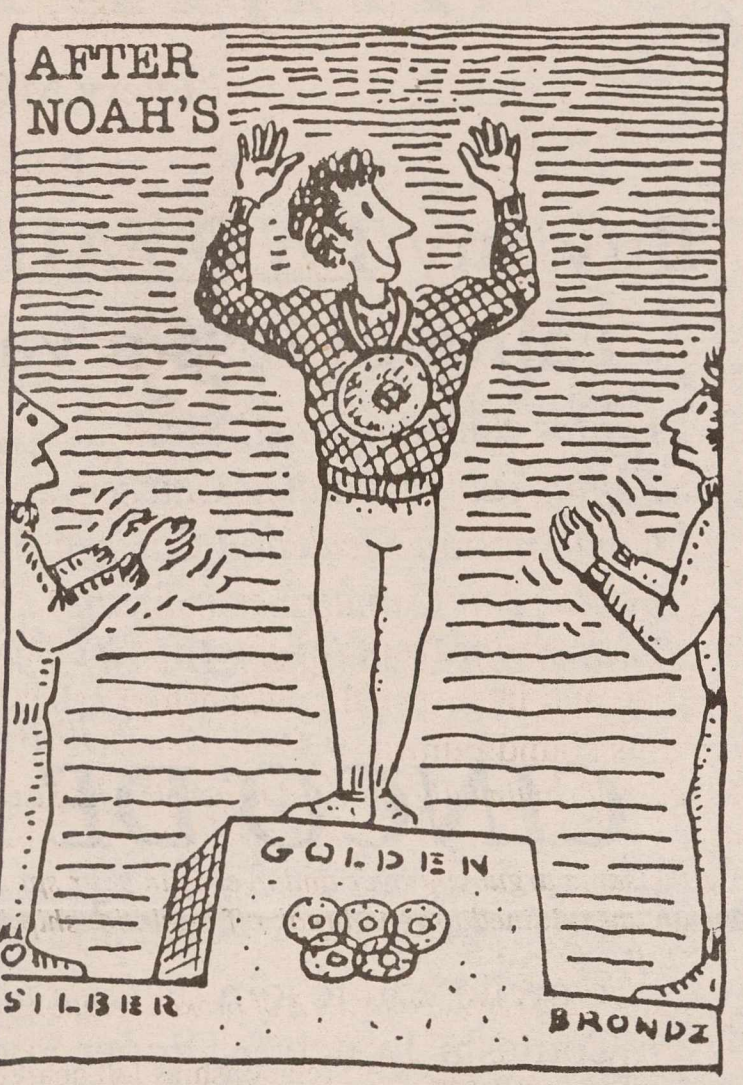

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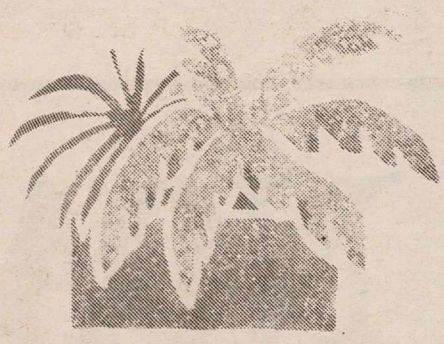

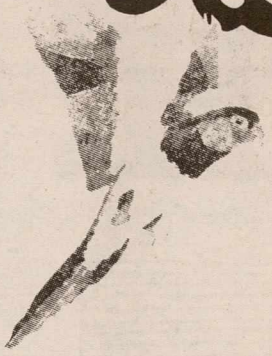

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Spc. Adrienne Story

Rub-a-dub-dub

Shannon, Cullen and Cory play in the water during one of the Month of the Military Child activities held at the Child Development Center. The Center held the month's finale Saturday.

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Transition decision

BRAC meeting held to decide future of post sub-installations

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

With the Presidio transition, the future of its sub-installations will also be affected. A Forces Command Base Realignment and Closure team visited the Presidio recently to discuss plans for the sub-installations.

"All parties affected by the Presidio and its sub-installations' future were present at the meetings. It was actually a coordination conference," said Alice Kelly, chief, Presidio Army Transition Office. "It was a very good conference. We resolved a lot of the problems at the table. Some issues are being worked on at higher headquarters."

Those involved in the discussions at the coordination conference include: Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, Fort Lewis, Wash.; commander of 6th Recruiting Brigade, Fort Baker; senior unit administrator of the 91st Division, Presidio BRAC coordinators; chief of FORSCOM BRAC; and other support staff members.

Fort Barry

At this time, all the quarters located at Fort Barry are vacant, according to Jim Maguire, deputy, Presidio Army Transition Office.

"Fort Barry will be returned to the National Park Service. We were way out in front of that," he said. "In 1972, the Fort Baker, Barry and Cronkhite area was turned over to the Park Service. The Army felt it still had a need for those areas, and the area was turned back over to the Army with the understanding that once the Army ceased to have uses for the property, it would be turned back over to the Park Service."

Fort Barry is now in the process of being turned over to the Park Service.

The futures of Fort Baker and Hamilton are more complicated.

There are two tenants at East Fort Baker, the 6th Recruiting Brigade and 91st Division.

"Sixth Recruiting Brigade plans to stay at East Fort Baker. The 91st Division intends to stay. At this point, there is no reason for them to leave, and any future decision will be made between the 124th Army Reserve Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command with FORSCOM input," Maguire said. "Once the Presidio transitions, Fort Lewis will be responsible for those buildings and that area."

There are 28 housing units occupied by military and their families at East Fort Baker. It has not been decided whether those soldiers will be able to remain in their quarters until they PCS or if they will have to move with the transition of the Presidio.

"Our main concern is the soldiers and taking care of them. We want to make this as transparent a transfer as possible," Maguire said. "We want the soldiers and their families to be able to remain in their quarters until they PCS or ETS."

This echoes Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory's position to keep East Fort Baker residents where they are until they are ready to leave for another assignment, according to Maguire.

Once all the soldiers are gone from the

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Asian Pacific Month

May is Asian- Pacific Heritage Month. The theme for this month's celebration is "Meeting Today's Challenges: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders."

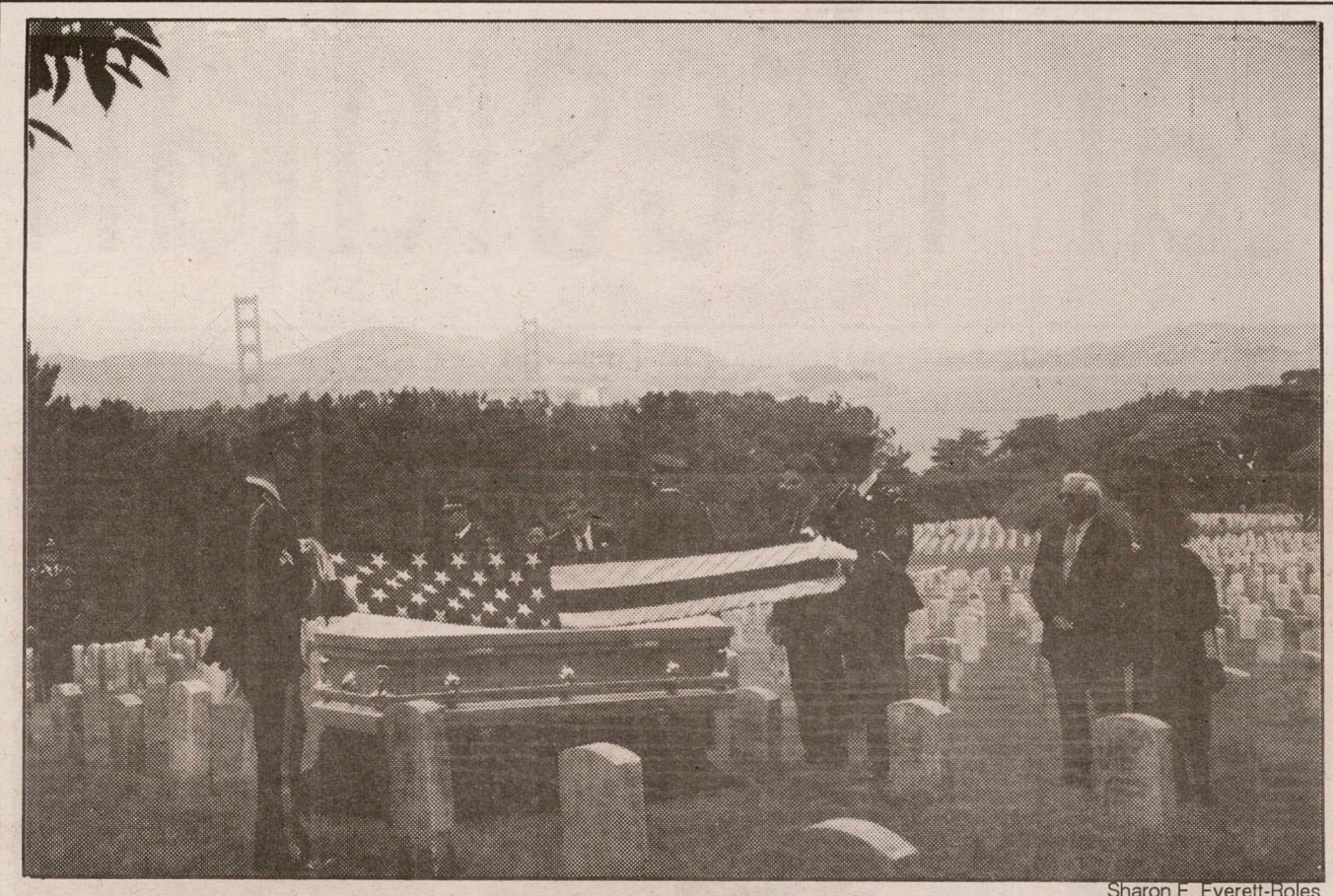
The Presidio schedule of events includes:

May 1 through 3: Asian Pacific Educational booklet handout.

May 5: Asian Pacific book reading hour at the Presidio Child Development Center from 3 to 4 p.m.

May 26:

A luncheon celebrating Asian Pacific Heritage will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Presidio Officers' Club.



Sharon E. Everett-Roles

Presidio soldiers and civilians were among the extras in the pilot for a new Warner Bros. television project, "Golden Gate," filmed at the San Francisco National Cemetery April 20.

Prepare for the quake

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

There are two things you should do now to prepare for earthquakes. 1) look for things that can fall and hurt someone and bolt them down, and 2) make a plan for your household that includes accountability for *each member after the quake.*

These were some of the points delivered to Presidians during the Post Earthquake Briefing April 19 in the Post Theater, Building 99. Headquarters Command Battalion operations officer, 1st Lt. Lorenza Morris outlined the Presidio's plan for earthquake response and assistance.

The briefing began with recordings of news broadcasts and interviews taped immediately after the Loma Prieta earthquake that struck in October, 1989. Afterward, the post's comprehensive earthquake plan was outlined by Leo Levenson, hazard mitigation specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency, who spoke about how to prepare for a quake. Morris outlined steps to be taken during and immediately after a quake; Capt. Jay Mallery, operations officer, Presidio of San Francisco Department of Public Works, explained the post's infrastructure and maintenance response system following a quake and advised the audience on steps to take in the home immediately after an earthquake.

Levenson offered several suggestions for preventive maintenance. A working flashlight will be the most important thing to have. Should your quarters lose power, you will still have some light to help you and your family get around the house.

Levenson said that things that can fall on top of you while in bed or on the sofa should be bolted to studs or removed. This includes mirrors, paintings and pottery. Obstructions to exits should be cleared.

"If you're in bed when an earthquake hits, stay there," Levenson said. Trying to get out of the bed or hide under it could do more harm than good. Have shoes available so that you can walk through broken glass and dishes and debris.

Levenson said families should plan what to do during a quake, where to go after the quake and what procedures should be taken to reach family members who are out of town.

"Getting under a desk or table or standing in a narrow hallway will provide some protection," Levenson said. He also said that a swinging door can injure you if you are standing in a doorway. Also, stay out of the kitchen during the shaking — flying utensils and other objects can cause unnecessary injury.

"The Presidio should be self-sustaining for the first 72 hours after an earthquake," Morris said. "If there are damaged areas here, there will likely be areas of worse damage elsewhere. Presidians should first help themselves, then help their neighbors."

Morris diagrammed the four phases to the post's immediate response. In **Phase I**, which is ongoing, the Headquarters Command Battalion S-3 section is responsible for activating the Crisis Action Center, making sure the Crisis Action Team (comprised of all of the directorate chiefs) is ready to be activated, and provides continuous education about earthquake related hazards to the post's residents.

Phase II is the time for immediate reaction to a quake. Presidians will take care of their homes and families first, then report to their units. Units will account for all personnel assigned, and the S-3 will activate the CAC and the CAT.

In **Phase III** the post's response will transition from individual needs to unit needs. Headquarters Company will establish assembly areas at Fort Scott Athletic Field and the main parade field. Damage assessment and search and rescue teams will be formed to scout the post to determine the effects of the quake on soldiers and family members. Meanwhile, the CAT will be responsible for restoring normal operations to the post.

In **Phase IV** USAG Presidio will render military assistance to civil authorities, but only after the post's needs are met.

Mallery followed Morris and described the DPW's response teams. These include initial inspection teams, damage assessment teams, building inspectors and search and rescue teams.

Mallery said that Presidio residents suffering damage should shut off their utilities, leave a note on the door describing the damage and detailing their whereabouts, tie a rag on the door and go to the nearest assembly area.

If you have no damage, leave a note on the door and send one representative to the assembly area to let authorities know that the family is OK.

NOTE: ONLY turn off the gas to your quarters if there is a strong odor or if there is the sound of escaping gas. Once it's turned off, **don't turn the gas back on!** Call the housing office at **561-6172** to report gas and electrical problems. Pacific Gas and Electric is responsible for maintaining the post's gas system, and the Navy DPW maintains the post's electricity.

Remember, before a quake, make sure your flashlights and shoes are easily accessible. Tables and desks afford decent protection during a quake, but if you're in bed, you should stay there. After the quake, check on your family, quarters, neighbors and then meet in one of the assembly areas, either the main parade field or the Fort Scott Athletic Field. Let the post's chain of command take care of the rest.

Job news

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here is the latest group of vacancy announcements provided by the Presidio Outplacement Office. For information about these and other positions, call Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430**.

Department of the Army, Military Traffic Management Command: Traffic Management Specialist, Transportation Assistant.

General Services Administration: Physical Security Specialist, Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic (Los Angeles).

U.S. Department of Energy: General Engineer.

Orange County, Calif.: Architect/Engineer, Court Processing Specialist I, Deputy Sheriff Trainee, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, Laboratory Assistant, Procurement Contract Specialist, Senior Systems Programmer Analyst, Training and Development Analyst, Coordinator of Epidemiological Investigations. *There are three more pages of vacancies in this announcement.*

San Mateo County, Calif.: Rehabilitation Services Manager, Senior LAN Analyst, Human Services Analyst, Human Services Supervisor, Medical Records Technician. *There are three more pages of vacancies in this announcement.*

County of Riverside, Calif.: Deputy Sheriff, Equipment Maintenance Worker, Equipment Operator I/II, Fire Prevention Technician, Hospital Environmental Services Supervisor. *There are 10 more pages of vacancies in this announcement.*

Department of the Army, Civilian Personnel Office, Fort Lewis, Wash.: Military Personnel Clerk.

Immigration and Naturalization Service: Clerk (Typing).

HTE Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.: Training Resources Manager.

Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada: Intervention and Assistance Program Counselor.

Have you ever looked at *Federal Jobs Digest*? That's just one of the many publications available to you offering job search/job market information. Some of the headlines in the April 22 issue of *Federal Jobs Digest* were:

-- "Computer Specialists Continue to be in Demand Throughout the Nation."

-- "Materials Handlers Top Blue-Collar Federal Occupation."

-- "Steady Growth Reported for Legal Clerk Jobs."

-- "EPA Seeking Candidates in Engineering and Scientific Fields."

-- "Librarians and Archivists Needed for Positions at Federal Agencies."

-- "How to Get Casual, or Temporary Jobs With the Postal Service."

-- "Export-Import Bank of the United States Offers Volunteer Internship Program for College Students."

For information about this publication, call the Outplacement Office at **561-2430**.

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Ike Holomon of the 10th Cavalry of Northern California, Sgt. Kevin Hay of the Park Service's Horse Mounted Unit, and guests of San Francisco's African American Historical and Cultural Society dressed as Buffalo Soldiers were at the Presidio Museum April 22 for a ceremony to kick-off an exhibit honoring the achievements of the Buffalo Soldiers. The exhibit will run through June 26. The museum was also chosen as one of the sites for the first-day issue of a new Buffalo Soldier stamp by the United States Postal Service.

DOL awards

The following Supply and Services Division, Directorate of Logistics, employees received awards:

Carolyn A. Garrett was presented the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for outstanding support to the soldiers and community while working as a librarian at the Letterman Army Medical Center and Post Libraries from April, 1976, through Jan. 31, 1992, and as data transcriber with the Supply and Services Division, from Feb. 1, 1992, to the present.

Betty J. Truly was presented the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for outstanding support to the Logistics Branch, Letterman Army Medical Center, Sept. 26, 1984, to March 31, 1993, and with the Data Conversion Files Section and Consolidated Property Book Office from April 1, 1993, to April 15, 1994.

Charlotte A. Johnson was presented the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for her outstanding performance of duties as Supply Clerk (Data Transcribing) and Inventory Management Specialist with the Supply and Services Division, from Jan. 2, 1989, to

Volunteers' contributions recognized

Presidians earn certificates for helping post programs

Story & photo by Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

In these days of budget cuts and downsizing, it comes as no surprise that volunteers are becoming more and more important. Staffs become smaller but missions do not, and people are giving of themselves and their time in order to "make things happen," both on and off post.

The Presidio of San Francisco Volunteer Recognition Ceremony took place April 22 at the Presidio Officers' Club. More than 500 Presidians were recognized for their part in helping the Presidio's many programs to run smoothly.

Volunteers of the Year from the Chapel, Teen Enrichment Program, Equal Employment Opportunity, Youth Services, and many other important programs were honored individually. Volunteers of the Year are: Cindy Agness, Jeanne Bergeron, Mary Bowersox, Ruth Callman, Gene Dunn, The Faustino Family, George Furlough, Lillian Giovanelli, Sandy Halsey, Kathleen Hijar, Michel Hijar, Ed Kasten, Maj. Mike Koplin, Sherri Miller, George Morris, James Poldous, Marie Potter.

Certificates were presented to volunteers by Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., commanding general of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio of San Francisco, and his wife Linda.

Ruth Callmann was one of many Presidio "Volunteers of the Year" honored for their contributions to the post.

Presidio soldier named honor graduate

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

After four weeks of tough training and continuous mental and physical testing, Spc. KelliAnn Solano walked up on stage as an honor graduate at the Primary Leadership Development Course, Fort Lewis, Wash.

With a 97.5 grade point average, a superior rating in leadership and all first time GOs, the personnel records specialist for ID Cards and Records Section achieved one of her goals.

"I wanted to be outstanding. I don't want to do anything average," the honor grad said. "I had a good grasp on the situation. A lot of the information on the test was repetitive from the information I studied for the board."

Solano represented her unit, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, at the Battalion and post soldier of the month boards and won.

Despite her accomplishment, Solano wishes she had studied more for the first test, on which she received a 92.5 percent, because she could have been named distinguished honor graduate. She earned 100 percent on the other two major exams.

Solano also came in second during the commandant's inspection at PLDC. She was told she exemplifies how a sharp soldier should present herself.

She admits the toughest part was not the test or the leadership, but it was the field.

"My feet still hurt from being wet 24 - 7," Solano said. "I did learn a lot about battle field leadership that I did not know before. Hopefully, I will be able to use all that I've learned."

"I wasn't surprised Solano was honor graduate. As a matter of fact, I expected it," said Staff Sgt. Byron Crawford, Solano's supervisor. "She's very intelligent and learns quickly and retains everything she learns. I can give her tasks to accomplish, and she gets it done without much supervision. She's a super troop."

Besides being an honor graduate at PLDC, Solano was named the honor graduate at Advanced Individual Training and the Presidio Soldier of the Month, and she still isn't satisfied.

"I want to make my E-5 in the next few months," Solano said. "I won't be satisfied until I reach that goal. Everything else is to help me become an NCO."

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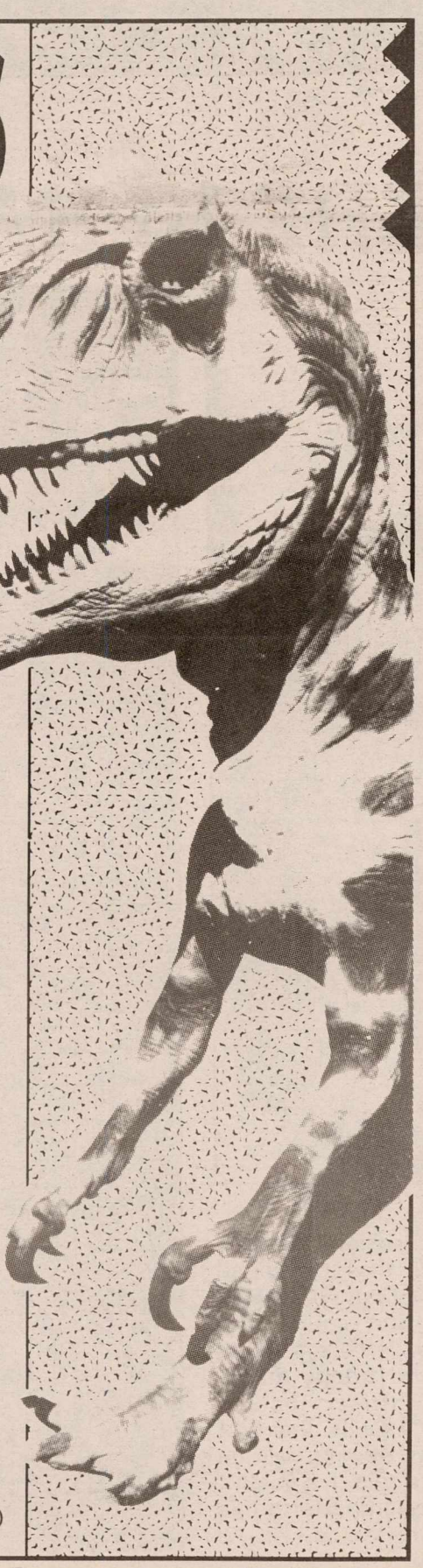

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AAFES News

The Class Six store will move into the Shoppette, Bldg. 1158, as of May 1.

Presidio Spouse Day

The Military Spouses' Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 6, at the Presidio Officers' Club. Active duty personnel, reservists, retirees and their spouses are invited to attend; all branches of service in the Presidio area are welcome to join us. The cost of the luncheon is $4.75 per person, with one spouse per family free (limited to the first 35 reservations). The luncheon will include a tossed green salad, turkey sandwich on a kaiser roll, cup of soup, and self-serve ice cream sundaes. Free child care will be available to those who make a reservation by May 3 (all children must have current immunization cards). CDC registration fees will be waived for the luncheon. Call **561-4894** for reservations. In celebration of Spouses' Day, discounts to military spouses are being offered by the AAFES Post Exchange, Post Theater, Outdoor Recreation, ITT, Arts and Crafts Center, and the Auto Crafts Shop.

Attention, soldiers!

If you have had business transactions with an agency called Lincoln International, please contact Capt. Craig Minnick at the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Legal Assistance Division, **561-4273**.

Angel Island run

The 23rd Annual Angel Island Fun Run & Stride begins at 12:30 p.m., May 7. This four-and-a-half mile race with a flat start and hilly loop around beautiful Angel Island is one of the most scenic race courses in California. For information about this event, please call **781-6785**.

PX News

Beginning May 29, the Military Clothing Sales Store will be located in the Presidio Main Exchange, Bldg. 605.

Bowling news

Summer bowling leagues are now forming. Sign up at the Presidio Bowling Center or call **561-5042**.

Army Surgeon to speak

The Department of California Reserve Officers' Association proudly presents Lt. Gen. Alcide M. LaNoue, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, as guest speaker for the Medical Services Committee, 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, at the Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, Calif. Lt. Gen. LaNoue will share his vision of the future delivery of health care to military retirees and the changes imposed as a result of the military drawdown. Plan your schedules accordingly for this informative, insightful presentation. RSVP to Capt. Carol Zieres, **794-2051/2053**.

PRAXIS Testing

The core battery of PRAXIS tests (formerly National Teacher Examinations) will be given at the Presidio Education Center, June 14. Interested Presidians must order the test by May 10 during an in-person counseling interview at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216. For information, phone **561-2974/4445**.

Singles party

Stargazers' Astrological Matchmakers is having a singles party, 7-11 p.m., May 7, in the Presidio Officers' Club Attic. Come out for a romantic evening of music, munchies and matchmaking. Everyone receives a list of compatible signs. With advance reservations you'll also receive your chart and a free list of the names of the best matches at the party for you. To receive your free list at the party, you must make a reservation at least 12 hours in advance by calling **1-800-782-7497**.

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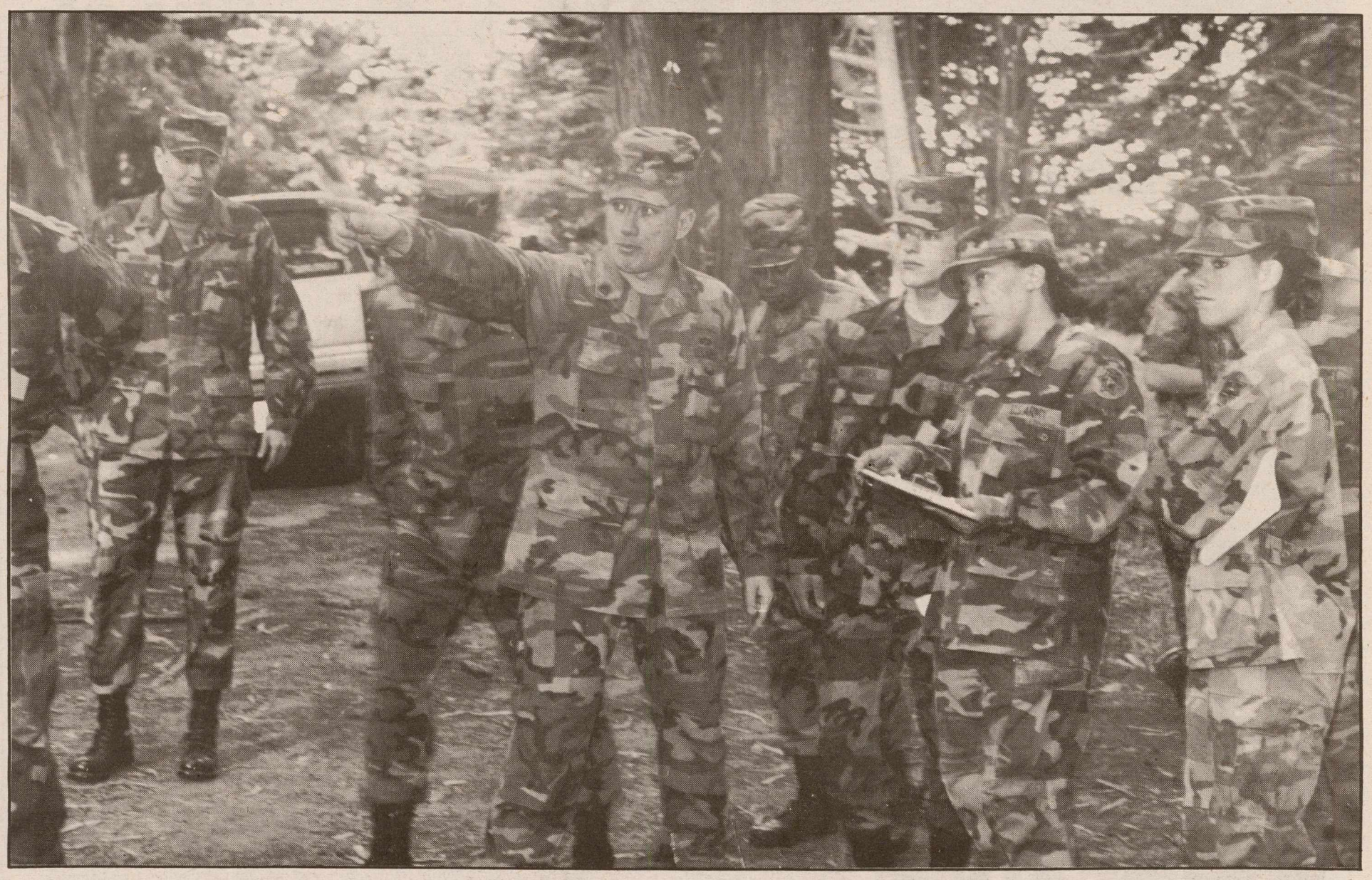

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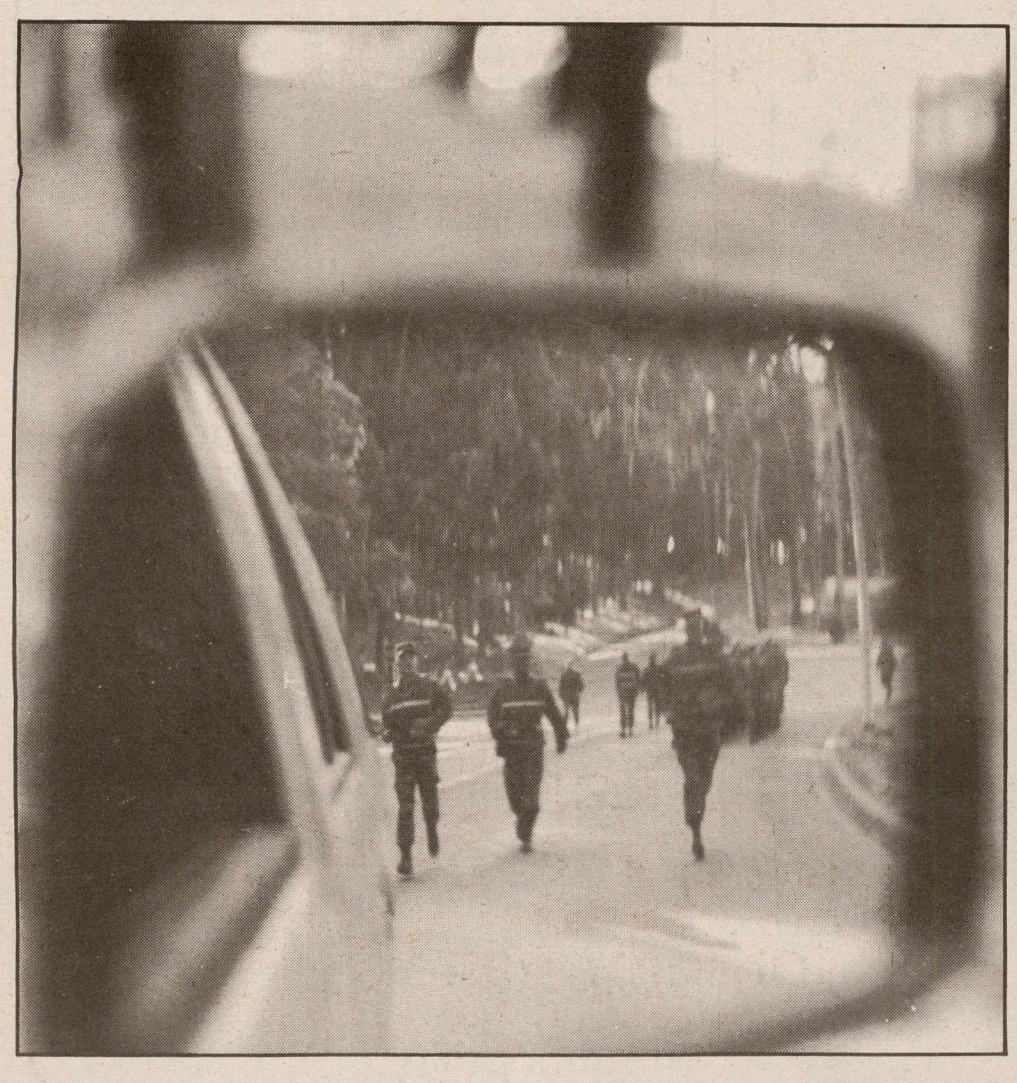

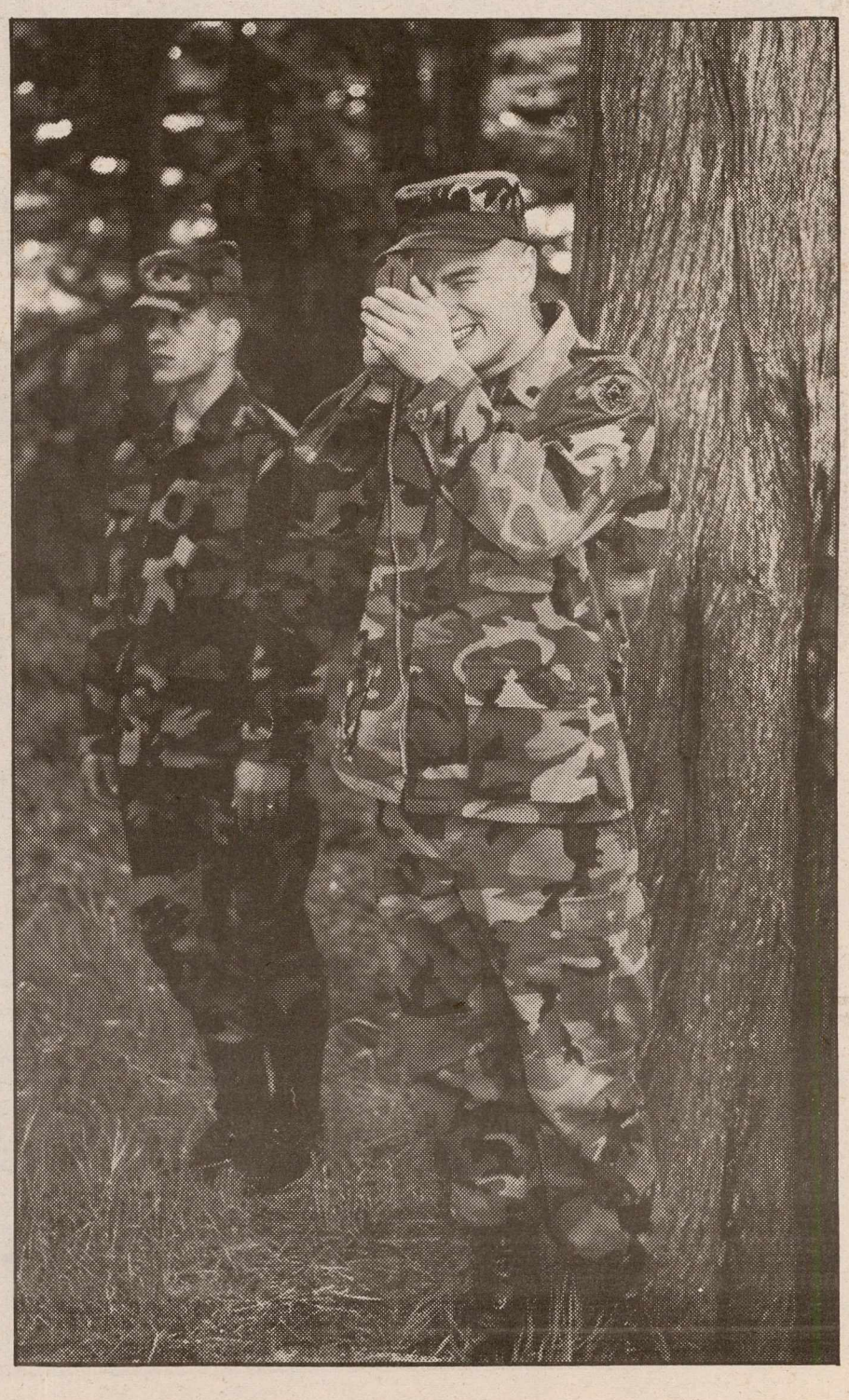

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Presidio of San Francisco trained on an orienteering course April 20 that combined physical training with map reading and compass skills. **Top**, Staff Sgt. Richard Wilken, company training NCO, points out the course the soldiers used to determine their pace counts. **Above**, HHC's soldiers fill up the rearview mirrors of passing motorists as the troops march along Lincoln Avenue. **Right**, Spc. Kevin Hubert, officer records clerk, checks the azimuth on his lensatic compass. "This is the first time that I've done land navigation," Hubert said. "This training will be valuable for me to use when I go to school later. Before this, I wouldn't have found the points by myself, but now I know that I can perform this skill."

Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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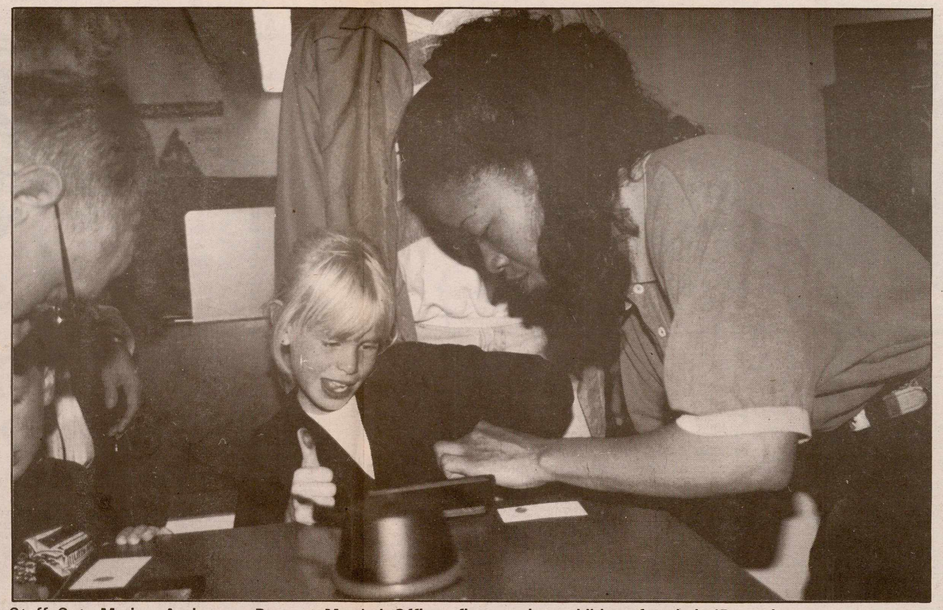
Clad in her raincoat to protect her curls from the rain, Brianna Byars blows her balloon.



Staff Sgt. Marion Anderson, Provost Marshal Office, finger prints children for their ID cards.

Child's Day

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Despite the rain and cold, Presidio children had a fun day outside of their homes Saturday during the Kinder Fest. The many childrens' activities were held in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

The activities were held inside the Child Development Center and the youth Activities Center.

The Military Police finger printed children and took photos to make identification cards. The photographer made a few jokes for the kids and had a small stuffed Barney on the camera for those who didn't get the jokes.

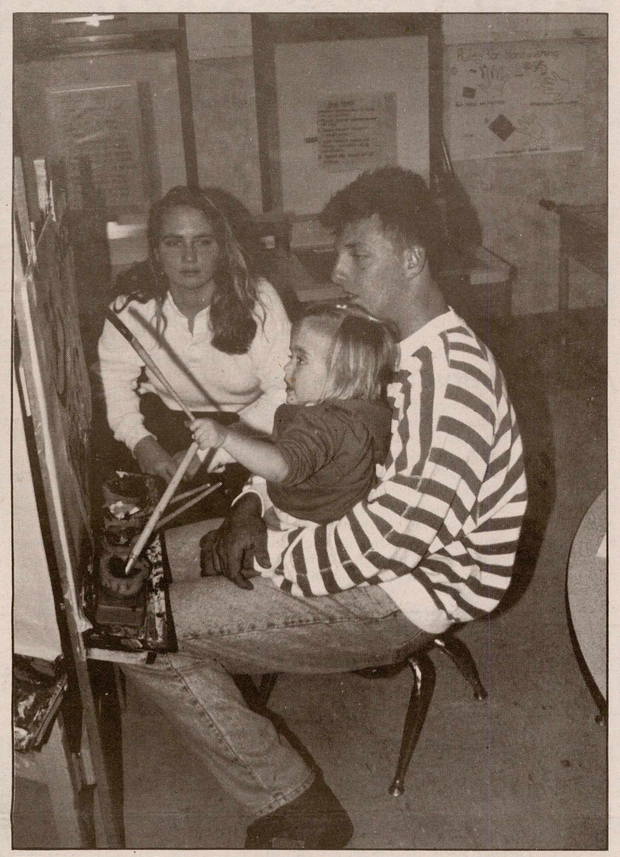
The Infant Room had water play and painting. Small children chased bubbles, became soaked from water play and tried to eat paint. There were also many toys available for the kids.

In the Gross Motor Room, children bounced balloons back and forth, often times falling on the floor, just to get back up again to laugh at the next kid who would take the dive. Presidio kids hung displays of their splendid artwork, while day care providers encouraged creativity.

School Age children made snacks for everyone to enjoy. With their preparation talents, these kids are almost ready for the culinary arts.

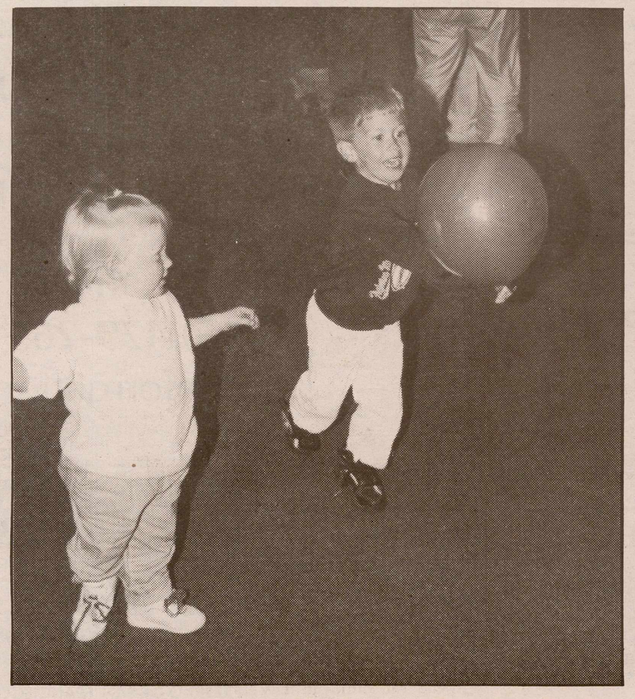
Water play continued in Room 4 & 5, but an added feature was the tub full of sand. "If the weather is too bad to go outside, bring outside inside," was the motto of the day.

In the Youth Activities Center, the Karate Class gave frightening demonstrations in self defense, while others played pool, video games and made unique objects with Play-Do. Hot dogs were grilled outside the main door. The Boy Scouts had a booth set up to sell snacks while they received a few classes in sales. The Presidio fire fighters explained some aspects of their job to those who may follow in their foot steps.

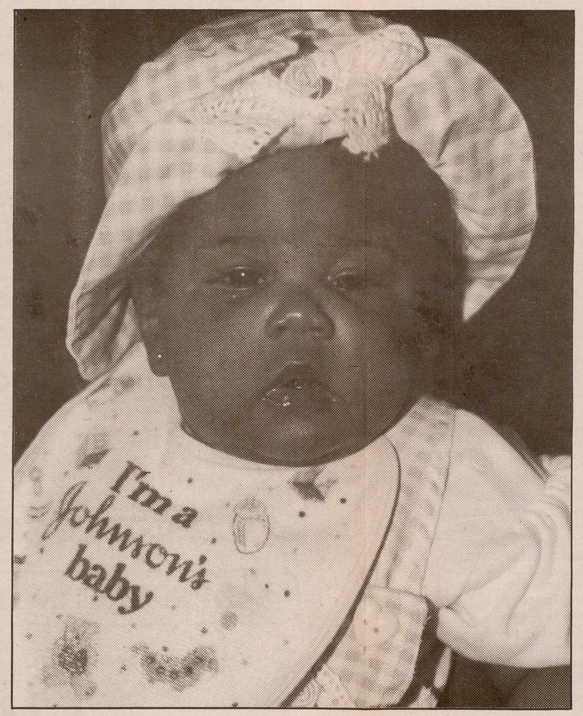


That's nice honey!

A Presidio youth paints a beautiful picture for her parents. Her father holds her on his lap so she can reach the paper, while her mother watches creativity come alive. Several of the rooms at the Child Development Center had easels set up for the children to paint on.



Jordan Wilken chases a balloon thrown by a care provider in the Gross Motor Room during the Kinder Fest held Saturday. He and his sister Sierra, fumbled around the big, open room in attempts to hit the balloon back to the sender. Despite their heartful effort, the siblings fell many times in their attempt to be the first to hit the bouncing ballooon.



The Johnson's baby, Allexis Levy, sports her new outfit after enjoying a warm bottle in the Infant Room during the Kinder Fest.

Children had the opportunity to play in the sandalthough it was to wet to go outside.

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Spouse Club meeting

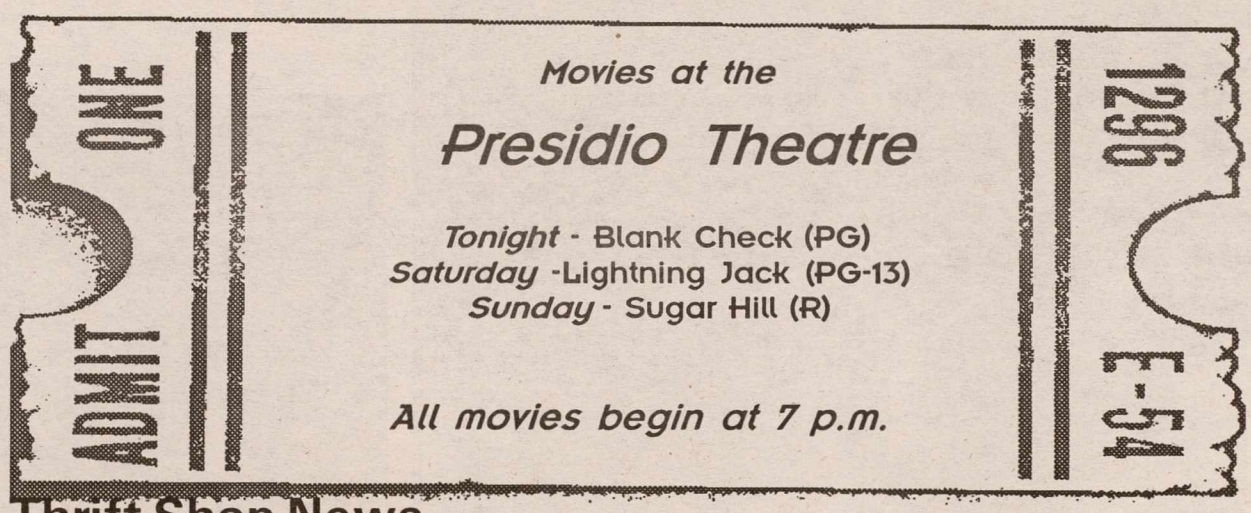
The Presidio Spouses' Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m., May 9, at the Religious Activities Center. Join the Garrison Commander in meeting the new AAFES Manager, Ms. Ziles. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. Be a regular part of our group. If you are a military spouse living on the Presidio of San Francisco, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors!

State Primary dates

Here is the most recent series of state primary and special election dates. For additional information, contact your unit's voting assistance officer. **Alabama**, June 7; **Arkansas**, May 24; **Idaho**, May 24; **Kentucky**, May 24; **Maine**, June 14; **Mississippi**, June 7; **Montana**, June 7.

Army Reservation Center

The Army's Central Reservation Center begins operations May 2. The center will provide worldwide reservation services to travelers to Army installations 24 hours daily, seven days a week, for all types of travel (TDY, PCS, space-available). All reservations are subject to DA, MACOM and local command reservation policies. This service is intended to assist travelers to Army installations in reserving transient quarters and to assist Army installations in maximizing occupancy rates. This service is available through toll-free commercial telephone service by calling **1-800-462-7681**.



Thrift Shop News

The next Flea Market will be 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 7, in the parking lot in front of Bldg. 204. Bring a table, your valid "unlimited" military ID card, and rent a vendor space for $5. An additional fee is charged for extra space. The Thrift Shop will also be open for sales to the general public, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call **922-3384** for information.

Air Force officer to speak

The Reserve Officers Association, Presidio Chapter 6, will meet May 5 at the Fort Mason Officers' Club. Lt. Col. L. Carter Crewe III, U.S. Air Force Reserve, will speak on the 349th Air Wing and the current situation in total force structure. The cost is $16 per person and guests are welcome. The no-host social begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 and program at 8:30. Reservations and checks (payable to ROA) should be made to Col. (Ret.) Angus Loop, 30 Hacienda Lane, El Sobrante, Calif., 94803. Call **223-1000** for information.

Oops!

The correct phone number for Park Service work order projects is **556-1802**. The *Star Presidian* staff apologizes for the error in last week's paper.

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime enrollees who are still seeing a non-network provider have until May 6 to change providers or Aetna will assign a new provider. This means that if you are still seeing the same primary care provider that you saw when you were in CHAMPUS Prime under Foundation Health, and that provider has not signed a contract with Aetna, he/she is a non-network provider. You must visit the CHAMPUS Service Center or call **561-0660** to obtain a list of network providers and complete the appropriate paperwork to either change provider or disenroll.

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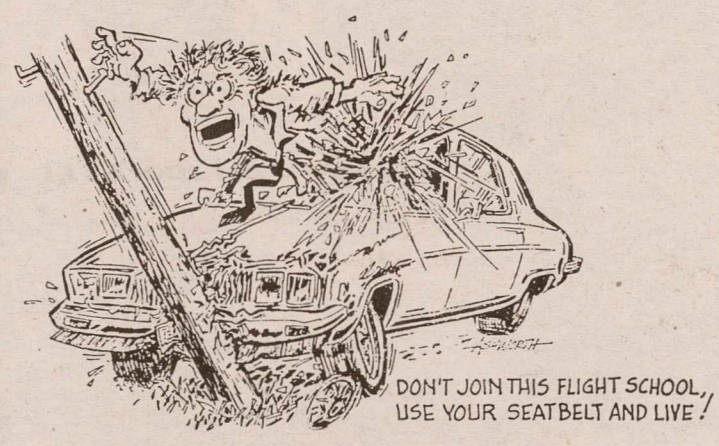

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housing areas at East Fort Baker the area will be turned back to the National Park Service. The Army will still own the buildings and property used by the 6th Recruiting Brigade and 91st Division.

"Fort Lewis will be responsible for that area until it is turned over to the Park Service. Fort Lewis has continued to say they are dedicated to providing good support to the Presidio and the sub-installations," Kelly said. "Our goal is to try to assist in handing off our missions and responsibility and ensure nothing falls through the cracks. Our main priority is to take care of the soldiers."

Hamilton

The future of parts of Hamilton Army Airfield has been decided. Making future plans for Hamilton has been confusing because it is divided into three parts: The Department of Defense Housing Area, sale parcel and BRAC parcel.

The DoD Housing area is owned by the Navy. "We are trying to put everyone in housing areas at the Presidio," said Ed Ballasteros, Department of Public Works, chief, Engineering Division. "We are not putting anyone in housing outside the Sixth Army footprint."

According to a Housing Division representative, no incoming personnel will be assigned to quarters at Hamilton, Fort Barry or East Fort Baker.

Personnel assigned to housing on Presidio will be assigned to units within the Sixth Army footprint.

The U.S. Army Reserve Training School for Military Intelligence Training is located at Hamilton.

According to Maguire, a new school is being built at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Calif. They should be able to occupy the building in early 1995.

The area known as "Hospital Hill," which is Army property, was offered to other Federal agencies, and both the Navy and the Veteran's Administration have indicated an interest.

"Basically the post is closed," Maguire said. "In 1984 the area was considered excess and was given to the General Service Administration."

About 40 percent of the GSA Sale Parcel will be sold to the New Hamilton Partners for development. The balance of this parcel will be sold to the city of Novato for $1. The City of Novato intends to sell some of the land it buys to the developer but will retain much of the land for parks and recreational use. "The monies that the city makes from this property will be returned to DoD," Kelly said.

The Navy portion of Hamilton is scheduled to be closed in mid-1996 to mid-1997. At that time the NAVEX and commissary will also be closed. Because of this late date of closure, the Presidio soldiers who currently live at Hamilton should not be effected by Hamilton's future.

The BRAC parcel of Hamilton is mainly the airfield portion.

Environmental cleanup has been scheduled for this area. When the area has been cleaned up, and if the local jurisdictions agree, the airfield area will more than likely be returned to wetlands.

The airfield is below sea level. To keep it dry, water is continually pumped from the surface.

Until environmental remediation is completed in 1998, the Army will be responsible for the area and keeping the airfield dry.

Most of the problems requiring environmental remediation are a result of the Air Force's mission there, and the majority of the cleanup's cost will be paid for by the Air Force.

A Fort Lewis support element will be stationed at the Presidio. The advance party was activated Monday.

"Their job will be to hit the ground running," Maguire said. "They will provide some direct support here, and for things that are too costly or too infrequent, they will coordinate through Fort Lewis."

At this time Fort Lewis has 216 people whose missions are to support Sixth U.S. Army. There are 197 located from Los Alamitos to Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin. This number may increase with the Presidio transition and other additional requirements Fort Lewis will likely receive.

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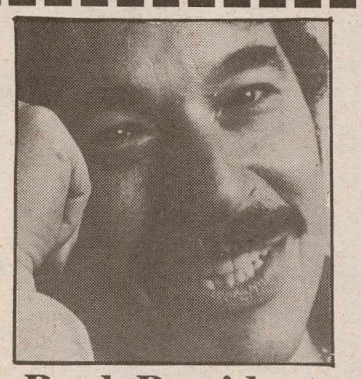
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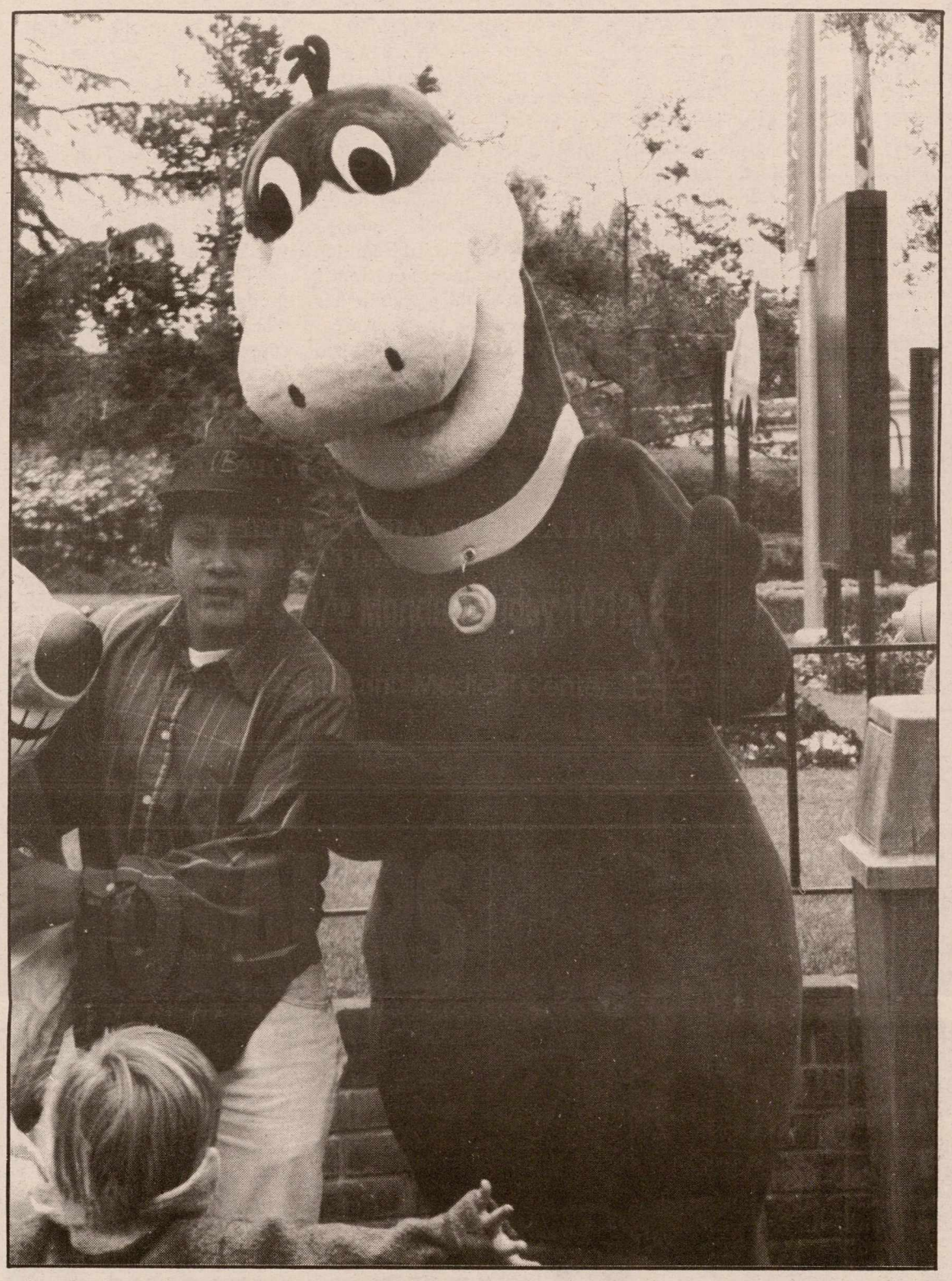

Hi, Dino! Hanna-Barbera cartoon characters greet visitors to Paramount's Great America. Here, everyone's favorite dinosaur gets ready for a big hug from a young visitor. Other characters from Paramount films like "Star Trek" and "The Jetsons" can be found all around the park.

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

If I had to design a theme park (one of my favorite things) to incorporate the movie business (another of my favorite things), I couldn't do better than Paramount's Great America.

The Santa Clara amusement park is both well laid-out and well organized. I went with a group from the Presidio's ITT office April 24 to check out the newest attraction, "Days of Thunder," and ride such old favorites as the Triple Wheel and the Berserker. The ITT trip included transportation and admission to the park, which was a great savings.

"Days of Thunder" is a simulator ride on the order of Disneyland's "Star Tours." You sit in a chair that takes you through a NASCAR race at the Daytona, Fla., speedway. The ride simulates a crash, tight turns, a tire change, and more. I thought it was quite realistic, and enjoyed it thoroughly.

The longest line, even on that overcast, quiet day, was for last year's big ticket attraction -- "Top Gun." This is a roller coaster with the seats suspended below the track. Never having been able to go upside-down without getting queasy, I skipped "Top Gun" again this year. Everyone I know who's ridden it thinks the ride is wonderful, though, so check it out!

The Triple Wheel is a great way to get a view of the entire park. You sit in a birdcage-like car and spin slowly around. This affords an excellent vantage point, not only for seeing the rest of the park but figuring out which lines are longest!

Because the weather was a bit chilly, the beautifully produced and choreographed shows proved popular. I saw three in all. The first was an ice show called "Lights, Camera, Action." This production pays tribute to some of Paramount's films. I thought the most interesting part of the show was the "Star Trek" sequence, during which one of the skaters was suspended from a guywire in a black-lit, day-glo butterfly costume and performed aerial acrobatics.

The second show was "Rock The House," a musical cabaret of modern music with hits by artists ranging from En Vogue to the Spin Doctors. The young performers in this production demonstrated great versatility in their singing and dancing.

The last show I saw was in the IMAX theater, with its six-and-a-half-story screen. The production of "Blue Planet" was shot by astronauts on various missions and provided a new and interesting perspective of our planet.

One show I've enjoyed in the past but did not have time for on this visit was "Friends of a Feather." This is a show with birds trained to ride bicycles, fly through hoops, and sing one part of a duet (it's true -- her name is Lolita, and she's a riot). This is a great show for little kids.

Of course, I had to eat over the course of the day. Great America, like most theme parks, is not the place to stay on a low-fat eating plan; it just can't be done. I had, in the past, consumed the usual hot dogs, popcorn, etc., but decided to check out Maggie Brown's Fried Chicken this time. The chicken was delicious, but the gravy was very salty. If you are on a low sodium diet, skip this one.

If you have small children, don't despair that they'll have nothing to do; Great America's Smurf Village is set up for kids too small to use the bigger attraction rides.

Tickets for Paramount's Great America are available through the Presidio's ITT Office. Call Sandy Cornett at **561-3992**.

The next ITT-sponsored trip is to Marine World Africa USA, June 4. Again, transportation and admission are included in the price. Call Sandy for reservations.

The Carousel Columbia, with its reflecting pool, is the first sight to greet visitors to Paramount's Great America. The Columbia is one of only a few double-decker carousels in the nation.

Photos by Sharon E. Everett-Roles

The "Triple Wheel" provides breathtaking views of the entire park. This is one of several rides that can be enjoyed by the entire family.

Bowling: Command Group leads

After 29 weeks, Command Group has earned a 70.5-45.5 won-loss record and 65,385 pins to reach the top of the Intramural Bowling League standings.

The Islanders follow them in a close race with a 68.5-47.5 record and 64,483 pins, and INS Inc. is third, posting a 65-52 record and counting 63,907 pins.

Most teams have already bowled 87 games.

The Islanders' Rod Cabugos rolled games of 230, 224 and 214 to lead the week's 200 bowlers. Alex Calinagan of Command Group bowled 212, Rich Grieco of the Oddballs scored 201 and Don Banks of INS rolled 201.

Cabugos' total of 668 made him one of the stars of the week. Another star of the week was Milly Simmons of DOIM, who bowled a 190 and compiled a total of 530 through three games to lead the women.

Simmons leads the women in two categories. She's recorded the best high game scratch with a 246 score and bowled 283 to record the season's best handicap game.

Meanwhile, Cabugos has already bowled a 266 scratch game during the season to maintain the highest score for the men. Rick Camacho of Readiness Group has the season's high game handicap with 275, and Command Group's Ed Pulanco leads the high series scratch column with a 672 total and the high series handicap column with 720.

The rest of the standings are as follows:
4. **Readiness Group**, 63-53 and 63,595 pins;
5. **Oddballs**, 60-56 and 63,883 pins;
6. **Community Recreation Div.**, 51-65, 57,923 pins (only 81 games bowled);
7. **DOIM**, 45-71 and 59,993 pins (83 games);
8. **High Rollers**, 41-74 and 62,442 pins.

A number of keglers have totaled more than 10,000 pins to lead the season in personal stats.

Cabugos has totaled 15,062 pins alone to lead the league. He's followed by **INS's Jimmy Lucky** with 13,777; **Camacho, Readiness Group's** 13,269; **Command Group's Pulanco** with 12,695, **Forrest Holloway** with 12,675 and **Wayne Agness**, 12,364; **Joe Sakaria, The Islander's,** 12,072; **Eric Seals, INS,** 12,026; **Rich Grieco, The Oddballs,** 11,325; **Robert Fanello, The High Rollers,** 10,680; **Richard Clark, INS,** 10,582; and **CRD's Bobbie Gascon**, 10,002.

Meanwhile, Banks rolled games of 220, 267 and 217 for a whopping total of 706 to lead the Hui-O-Hawaii Bowling League April 22. When you're hot, you're hot!

Runners race through Fort Baker

The 16th Annual Sausalito Scenic Bay Run will begin at 9 a.m. May 1 by the Fort Cronkhite Tunnel and will proceed through Fort Baker.

This will be on a Sunday, so all Fort Baker residents should plan accordingly. There may be as many as 300 runners and walkers involved.

This is the same course that has been used throughout the race's history.

Once the runners reach Fort Baker, they will ramble past the Coast Guard Station, around to the point, down past the Discovery Museum, upto Alexander, onto Bridgeway, Johnson and to Caledonia. The race will end in Civic Center Park in Sausalito.

The race is an annual fund raiser for the Sausalito Parks and Recreation Department. The organizers will employ approximately 20 course monitors, and the Sausalito Police Department will provide traffic control.

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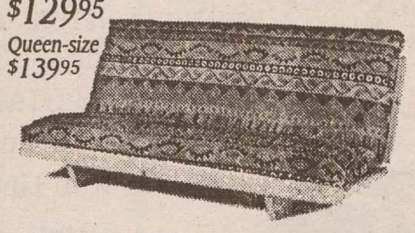

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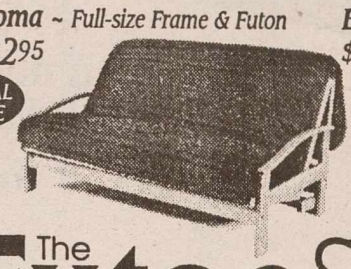

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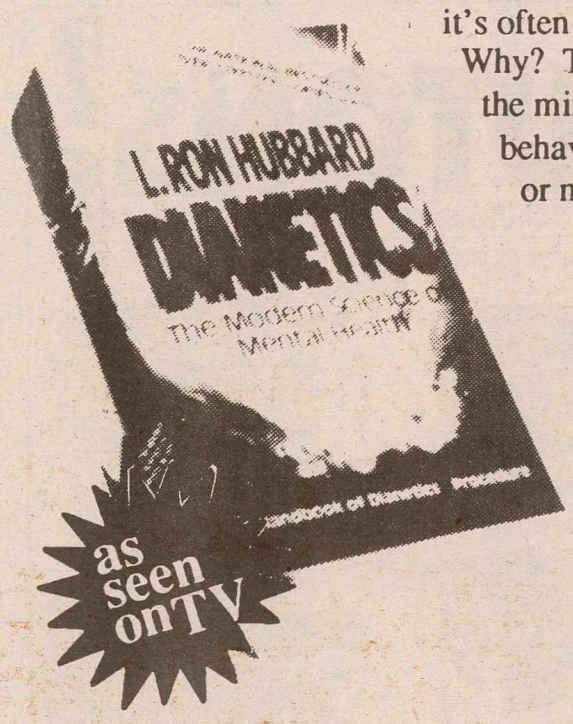

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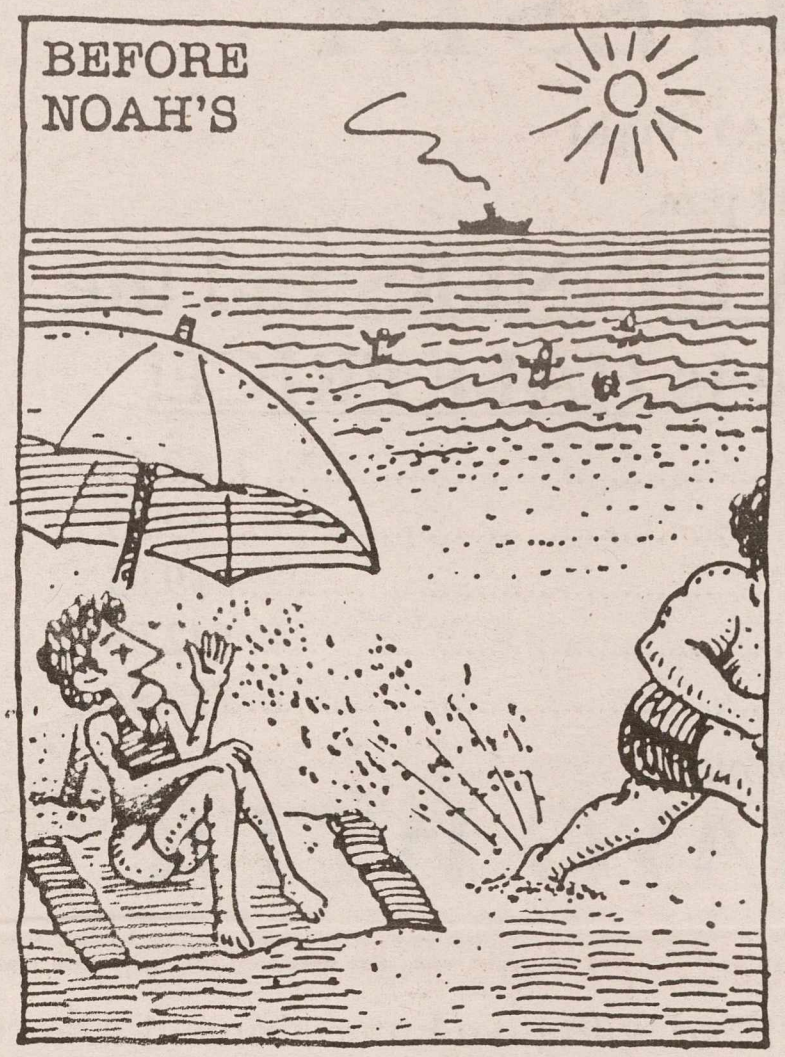

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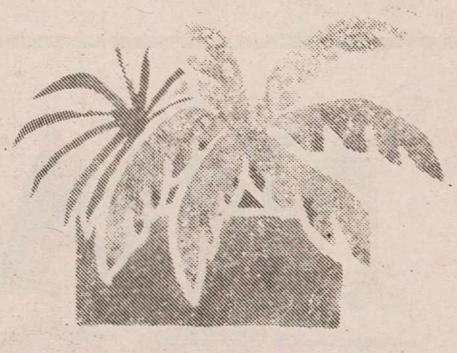

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Presidio homeless protest

Thirty-two people were arrested Monday night after they occupied vacant housing on the Presidio in the Pershing area. The protesters broke into housing units and hung banners from windows that read, "We will not passively suffer while houses sit vacant." About 100 people, who claimed to be homeless advocates, participated in the demonstration. Military Police, Park Police and U.S. Marshals made the arrests, cited the protesters for misdemeanor trespassing and released the individuals after they were escorted off the post.

Sergeant major retires after 25 years service

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Less than a minute after the soldier left the NCO of the Year Board, the president came out with a phone number. "Sergeant, here is a point of contact for you. Since you are going to the Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course on short notice, you may need some support. If you have any problems, call this person and you'll be taken care of, she said"

Comamnd Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy had just found out during the board that the NCO would be attending the course . She wasted no time to ensure he would receive the support he needed.

Taking care of soldiers has always been one of Boudy's priorities throughout her 25 years of service.

"If it weren't for the soldiers I wouldn't have a job," Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy said. "None of us would have a job. We have to take care of the soldiers."

When Boudy arrived at the Presidio in September of 1992, she set the goals to take care of soldiers and family members, improve quality of life at the Presidio and set the example.

As the Garrison command sergeant major, she thinks she has reached those goals.

"I've reached a lot of my goals through the feedback of soldiers and leaders. First sergeants, section leaders and directors have come to me with problems and solutions," Boudy said. "I've had a lot of support from the garrison commander [Col. Gregory A. Renn], the Sixth U.S. Army commander [Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.] and Command Sgt. Maj. Otto Copeland [Sixth U.S. Army command sergeant major] . It has been their goal to improve the quality of life here and take care of soldiers, so they have made my goals easier to reach."

Boudy's retirement ceremony was held April 28. She will retire in September; hshe will leave Presidio in the middle of June. Throughout her dedicated service, she does not think any one accomplishment stands out. But the command sergeant major has many accomplishments she can look back on with pride.

When she first joined the military in 1969, females were separate from male soldiers in the Women's Army Corps. She adapted to many changes as she rose through the ranks. She went from not doing physical training, qualifying with an M16 or going to the field to leading troops in combat training.

"Training has been one of my greatest challenges. I have to make sure I'm well trained and stay efficient at all the tasks so I can train the soldiers," Boudy confided. "How can I teach the soldiers if I don't know it myself? I can't. Leaders have to set the example."

Boudy has lead soldiers in many situations. She's been a drill sergeant at basic training, a senior drill at basic training, a platoon sergeant for Advanced Individual Training, and a unit first sergeant. To be successful in all these leadership positions, Boudy attended military schools.

"The military schools really have helped me train soldiers and be a good leader, from PLDC up to the Command Sergeant Major Course," she said. "They're tough courses, but every soldier who hopes to rise through the ranks needs to attend these courses. I really learned a lot from my military education."

Boudy also stresses the importance of civilian education and exceeding the Army standards.

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Maj. Wanda Arceneaux

Best-selling author Harold Coyle (center) poses with his sponsor Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, Deputy Commander for Active Component, Sixth U.S. Army (left), and Sixth Army Commander Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., after making a presentation at the Presidio Officers' Club, talking with the audience and autographing copies of his books.

TEEN CRUSHES

DREAMS CAN COME TRUE

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Last month was the "Month of the Military Child." There were lots of different activities, most of them focused on fairly young kids. This is for teenagers -- and their parents. Parents, please be understanding if your teen has a crush on a celebrity. It's an important part of growing up, and that crush may be helping them deal with some difficulty they can't confide to you. This is also an apology to my mother for every time she heard Laurence Juber's name.

You see, back when I was 15 years old, I had a huge crush on the guitarist in Paul McCartney's band, Wings. Laurence Juber was 27 years old, a guitar genius with a tangle of long, black curls and beautiful grey-green eyes. I was sure that I would grow up to marry him. (Hey -- I was only 15.) My mother and father grew very tired of hearing a Wings album called "Back To The Egg," and also of Laurence's name. I had a poster of the band on my wall, too, and before retiring I always said "good night" to the man of my dreams.

The plots to meet Laurence, hatched in the company of my best friend, were usually very complicated and highly unlikely. Maybe he would be in our tiny town of Clackamas, Oregon, and stop by the house for directions. Right.

There was one thing about my crush on Laurence Juber that, when I look back on it, was probably the most important aspect of all. I grew up in a family that was not particularly well off, and we all "did without" most of the time. Laurence Juber (and the idea that I would marry him, of course) helped me hold my head up with pride, even when I was wearing unfashionable clothes or making an unpopular stand on issues like whether or not attendance at pep rallies should be mandatory (I was against it). I was just sure that Laurence would admire me regardless of my sartorial state and because of my individuality.

Last week Laurence Juber was in town, accompanying Al Stewart for an acoustic gig at the Fairmont Hotel. Fifteen years after the fact, I got to meet the man who had, completely unbeknownst to himself, helped me through my teenage years. Naturally, I told my best friend, who squealed with delight for me. I also told my mother, who still remembered his name after all of this time (repetition must really be a key to learning!).

Laurence Juber is now 41 years old and married, with two kids. The black curls are shorter and peppered liberally with grey. He's still a guitar genius. He was very nice to me when I approached him and told him I'd followed his work since Wings; I spent a couple of minutes talking with him at each of the two shows I attended. He was so kind and gracious, catching me up on everything he'd done since McCartney's band broke up.

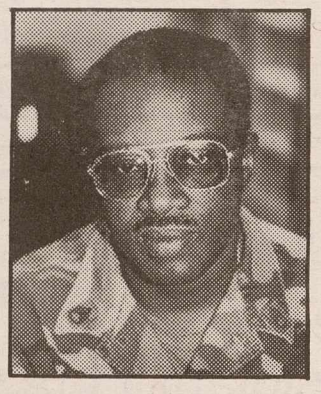
I had always wondered what I'd say when I met Laurence Juber. I don't remember all of the conversation, but I do remember saying "thank you." He'll never know exactly how much I meant by that, but I had to say it anyway.

Teens, don't be ashamed of your interests, no matter how obscure (I mean, really, had you heard of Laurence Juber before you read this?). You never know when your dream of meeting that person might come true.

And Mom, I really am sorry for all the times you had to hear about Laurence. Now that I understand why he was so important to me, do you understand why I had to meet and thank him?

Ask Presidians

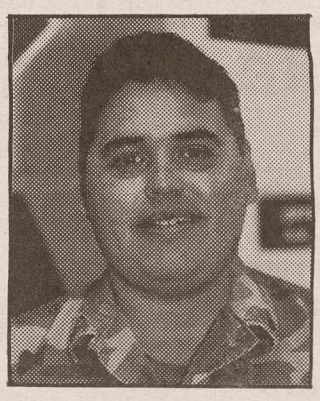
What questions or concerns would you like the Garrison Commander to address?



Staff Sgt. Michael Rodman, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Letterman Dental Clinic: "What level of police security will be present once the post transitions to the Park Service?"

Spc. Sheila Williams, dental hygienist, Dental Clinic: "Has the final determination been made about the fate of the commissary and post exchange for those of us staying here?"

Fayretta Johnson, station clerk, U.S. Post Office, Letterman Station: "After this building closes in mid-July, who will get it and will they need a post office?"



Sgt. Alberto Trevino III, patient administration/inpatient records, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic: "How soon will we know the final status of the golf course, and how will it affect active duty soldiers and retirees?"

Spc. Lea Kruczek, medic, Specialty Clinic, LUSAHC: "Will the soldiers who remain here receive a cost of living allowance after the post's support services close?"

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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Job vacancies announced

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Here is the latest series of vacancy announcements provided by the Outplacement Office. For information on any of these positions, call Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430**.

Department of the Army, Civilian Personnel Office, Fort Lewis, Wash.: Supervisory Staff Administrator (Fort Baker, Calif.), Supervisory Staff Administrator (Sacramento, Calif.), Maintenance Administrative Technician {OA} (Sacramento, Calif.), Staff Administrative Assistant (Camp Parks, Calif.), Information Systems Management Specialist (Fort Baker, Calif.), Logistics Management Specialist (Vancouver, Wash.), Budget Analyst (Fort Baker, Calif.), Military Personnel Officer (Fort Baker, Calif.).

Immigration and Naturalization Service: Deportation Officer.

Naval Postgraduate School, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.: Computer Specialist.

Defense Contract Management District West: Contract Administrator.

INSCOM -- Panama: Supervisory Intelligence Specialist (Operations).

Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing: Director of Readiness & Operational Support.

Washington Navy Yard: Clinical Nurse, Nurse Specialist.

U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Ritchie, Md.: Pharmacist.

U.S. Department of Labor, San Jose, Calif.: Economics Assistant.

Department of Interior, Boulder City, Nev.: Hydroelectric Mechanic (two vacancies), Electrician (Power Systems), Electronic Computer System Mechanic.

The National Park Service is recruiting for an **Archives Technician, GS-1421-07**. Announcement No. GOGA-94R-27 closes May 12. This is a temporary position, which is expected to last about one year.

Employment can be extended or terminated at any time due to lack of work, lack of funds, or other conditions.

This appointment does not confer competitive status. Send your SF-171 and any other applicable materials to Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Bldg. 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, California, 94123, ATTN: Personnel.

The Job Resource Center has a number of interesting courses coming up this month.

Call **561-2430** to reserve your space for these fascinating seminars: **Preparing Your SF 171**, May 10; **Evaluating Job Offers**, May 18; **Preparing KSAs**, May 24; **Job Search Stress Workshop**, May 25.

New pharmacy program to benefit retired military

The Department of Defense has initiated a new pharmacy program to benefit Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries affected by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). This will include Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries living in the Letterman catchment area, with ZIP codes in San Francisco, San Mateo, marin, and parts of Santa Clara counties.

Eligible beneficiaries have two choices when using the program.

The first choice is to take your prescription, written by a military or civilian physician, to an Aetna Government Health Plans network pharmacy (Walgreen's in San Francisco County only, and Long's Drugs in other areas of northern California). You must tell the pharmacist that you wish to have the prescription filled under the "CHAMP" program at Walgreen's or the "CHAM" program at Long's. You will be required to present your military ID card, proof of Medicare eligibility, and documentation of current address (a driver's license is preferred).

You will then pay 20 percent of the prescription cost per 30-day supply. The remaining 80 percent will be paid by Department of Defense.

The second choice is a mail order pharmacy benefit. The benefit details and the necessary forms are in a brochure that may be obtained at Letterman's CHAMPUS Service Center. With this option, you pay $8 per prescription for a 60-day supply, and refills are available. Prescriptions will only be mailed to Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries at their home address within a BRAC site ZIP code.

The mail order pharmacy benefit may also be used by CHAMPUS-eligible beneficiaries.

Your DEERS status must be up-to-date, or you may be denied this benefit. Your DEERS status may be checked at Outpatient Records at Letterman and updated, if necessary, at the ID Card Section on the Presidio.

Questions concerning these pharmacy benefits and which ZIP codes are included should be directed to the Patient Service Center, **561-4509**, the CHAMPUS Service Center, **561-0770** (dial seven digit number on post), or Walgreen's Healthcare Plus Customer Service, **1-800-345-1985**.

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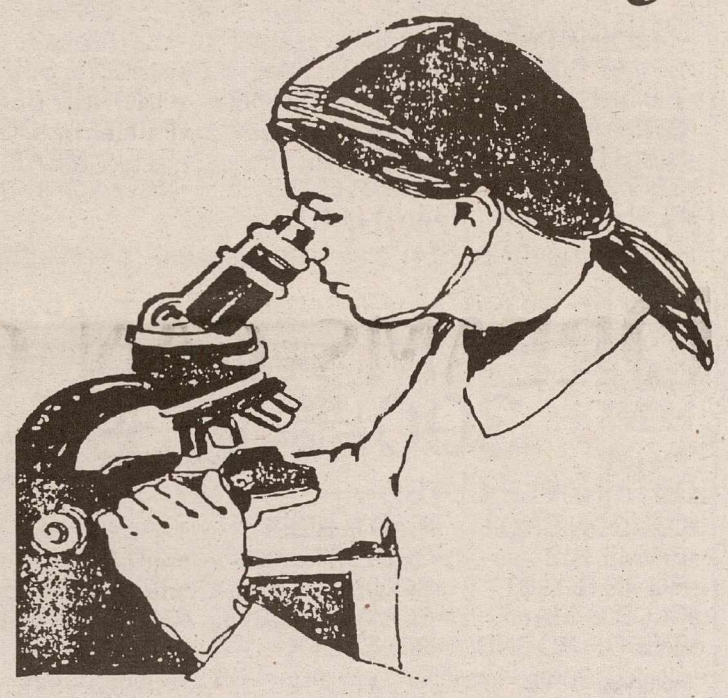
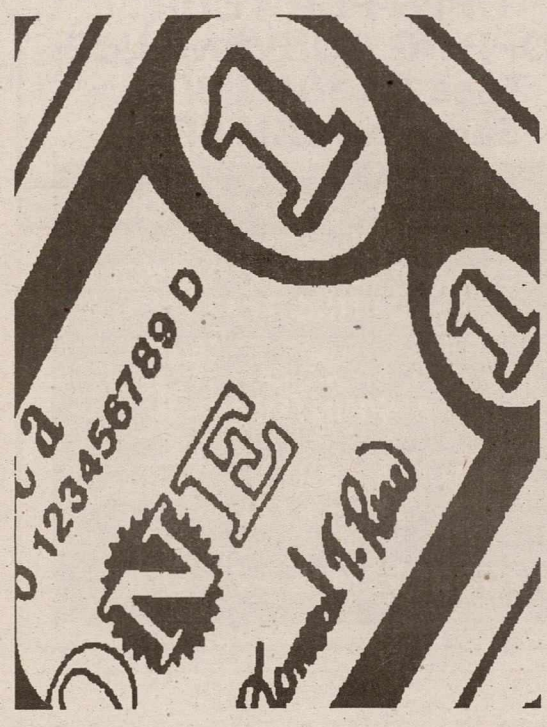


Money management

Finance workshop held for interested Presidians



By Donna White
Chief, Civilian Personnel Office

Many individuals wonder how they can learn more about maximizing the use of their income and improving their security. They want to make the most of their earning years to be fully prepared for retirement.

"**Successful Money Management**" is an educational seminar that is being offered to a select group of employees and their spouses.

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Several employees participated in the workshop last spring and found it both practical and highly informative. The seminar being offered consists of two sets of morning sessions:

Session 1 -- May 13 & 16

Session 2 -- May 20 & 23

Registration for each session will be limited to the first 75 employees to register on a first-come, first-served basis.

Workshop sessions will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Torney Hall, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic. Please contact Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430** by Wednesday to make your reservation.

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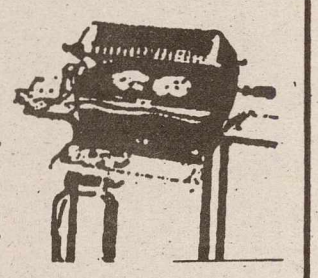
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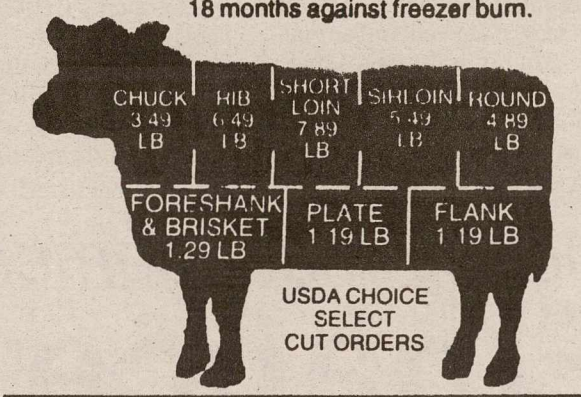

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Presidio Spouse Day

The Military Spouses' Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. today, at the Presidio Officers' Club. Active duty personnel, reservists, retirees and their spouses are invited to attend; all branches of service in the Presidio area are welcome to join us. The cost of the luncheon is $4.75 per person, with one spouse per family free (limited to the first 35 reservations). The luncheon will include a tossed green salad, turkey sandwich on a kaiser roll, cup of soup, and self-serve ice cream sundaes.

Angel Island run

The 23rd Annual Angel Island Fun Run & Stride begins at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow. This four-and-a-half mile race with a flat start and hilly loop around beautiful Angel Island is one of the most scenic race courses in California. For information about this event, please call **781-6785**.

PX News

Beginning May 29, the Military Clothing Sales Store will be located in the Presidio Main Exchange, Bldg. 605.

PRAXIS Testing

The core battery of PRAXIS tests (formerly National Teacher Examinations) will be given at the Presidio Education Center, June 14. Interested Presidians must order the test by May 10 during an in-person counseling interview at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216. For information, phone **561-2974/4445**.

Singles party

Stargazers' Astrological Matchmakers is having a singles party, 7-11 p.m. tomorrow, in the Presidio Officers' Club Attic. Come out for a romantic evening of music, munchies and matchmaking. Everyone receives a list of compatible signs. With advance reservations you'll also receive your chart and a free list of the names of the best matches at the party for you. To receive your free list at the party, you must make a reservation at least 12 hours in advance by calling **1-800-782-7497**.

Spouse Club meeting

The Presidio Spouses' Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m. Monday, at the Religious Activities Center. Join the Garrison Commander in meeting the new AAFES Manager, Ms. Ziles. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. Keep up with current happenings on the Presidio! Be a regular part of our group. If you are a military spouse living on the Presidio of San Francisco, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors!

State Primary dates

Here is the most recent series of state primary and special election dates. For additional information, contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

Alabama, June 7; **Arkansas**, May 24; **Georgia**, July 19; **Idaho**, May 24; **Kentucky**, May 24; **Maine**, June 14; **Mississippi**, June 7; **Montana**, June 7.

Thrift Shop News

The next Flea Market will be 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. tomorrow, in the parking lot in front of Bldg. 204. Bring a table, your valid "unlimited" military ID card, and rent a vendor space for $5. An additional fee is charged for extra space. The Thrift Shop will also be open for sales to the general public, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call **922-3384** for information.

Ed Center appointments

Because of reduced staffing, the Presidio Education Center now conducts counseling services on an appointment basis. Counseling is required for in-processing, ETS out-processing, and approval to test, use tuition assistance or in-service GI

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Soldiers learn to save lives

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Shells were flying and grenades were exploding, while the soldier was forced to the ground from the enemy's fire. Because of his wounds, he couldn't escape on his own. He was about to give up when a combat life saver came to the rescue. Carrying equipment for an IV, he dodged the bullets to save his buddy.

This scenario was played out on the Presidio, but there were no bullets, and the Golden Gate Bridge served as the back drop. Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company conducted Combat Life Saver Course training during their lunch hour behind Building 106 for one week. The training consisted of applying an IV, monitoring pulse, packaging a casualty for shipment, applying field dressings and tourniquets, and learning different, safe ways to carry injured soldiers from the area. Staff Sgt. Richard Wilken instructed, and five other soldiers attended and completed the course.

"I learned a lot from the training, especially about buddy-aid," said Spc. Issac Levy, who attended the training. "I learned how to put in an IV and a lot about infection and different diseases."

"I feel the training went very well, although we were short on time. Every one of the soldiers, including the one who is EMT qualified, said it was a big-time refresher," said Wilken. "When I was taught the course, I thought it was fun and interesting, and I wanted to teach it the same way so the soldiers could really learn a lot."

Although these soldiers are not in a combat environment, they feel the training is very valuable.

"Regulation 350-41 states that all units must have combat life savers. It's also important for the soldiers here, because we are on a fault line," Wilken said. "It benefits the soldier and counts for promotion points. There are a lot of reasons why the training is important."

"The training is very valuable," Levy concluded. ""Even if you are just in a training situation, you never know what can happen."

(Above) Staff Sgt. Richard Wilken demonstrates an easy way to move a soldier from a combat zone by pulling the suspenders Spc. Jerome Rogan is wearing. (Center Right) Spc. Issac Levy applies a pressure dressing to a fake wound. (Right) Sgt. Dawn Wilken elevates the injured limb during the Combat Life Saver Course training.

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Retired officer proves tough people *do* last

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

The 88-year-old man swims at least one mile every day at the Presidio swimming pool, and he travels and sells real estate. He is the proof that tough people last.

"I'm just semi-retired now. I don't work full time, but I take referrals for real estate," said Harry Amey, who later had to dash off to meet with a client.

Amey retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel at the age of 60 in 1966. He served on active duty during World War II and was stationed at Fort Mason, Calif. In 1946, he went to Yokohama, Japan as a transport commander. He brought more than 5,000 troops home aboard the ship Admiral Rodman.

After the war he separated from active duty and served in the reserves.

The silver-haired Amey was the athletic director at Roosevelt Jr. High for more than 40 years. He coached basketball, track and swimming.

"I coached swimming, but I never went in the water," he said. "The kids would always ask me why I didn't swim with them. I just told them I couldn't swim. Of course, they asked then, 'How can you teach us to swim if you can't swim?" So at the end of the season I would always jump in the pool with them."

Amey really enjoys swimming, but since his younger days he has given up track.

"I'm too old to run now," the 5'10," well-toned gentleman chuckled. " That's why I swim every day. I have to stay in shape you know."

Amey said he still walks, "of course."

He's coached several well-knowns including: Jerry Coleman, former Yankee player; Don Burness, member of Stanford's 1942 NCAA basketball championship team; Eugene Brown, member of USF's 1956 basketball championship team; Jerry Mann, member of 1960 NCAA basketball champions; Johnny Mathis, former track star; Ann Curtis, an Olympic swim champion, Danny Glover; and Bruce Ogilvie, who is known as the father of sports psychology.

"My kids are all about 70 now," Amey said referring to his former students. "I think I'm proudest that some of the kids still keep in contact with me. We have lunch together. It makes me feel good that they come from way out of town just to break bread."

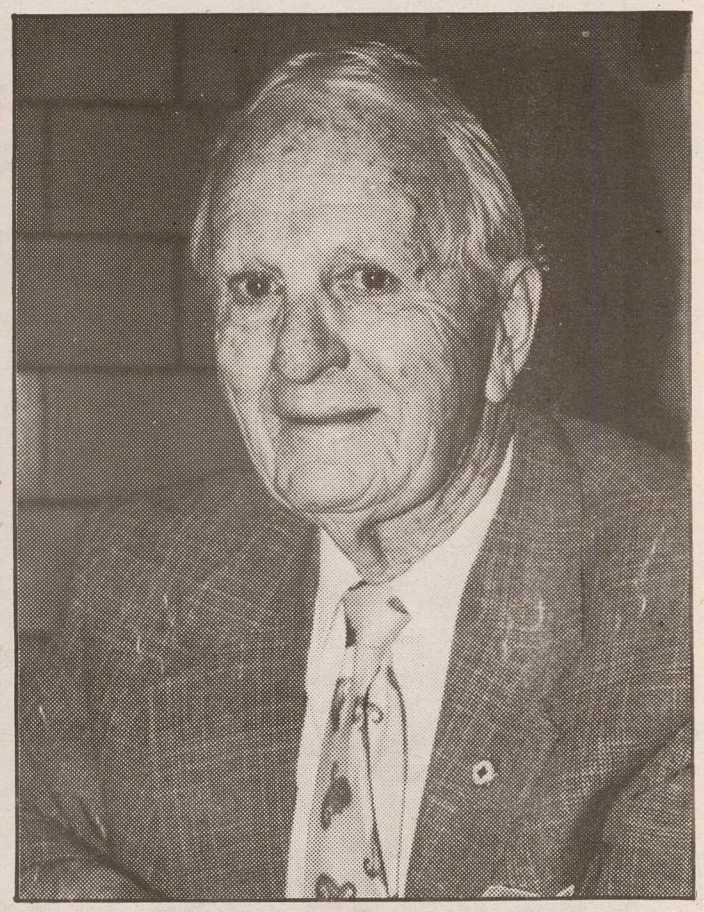
Amey has worked with hundreds of kids over the years and has had the opportunity to be a good role model.

"Some have told me that they pursued an educational career because of me," Amey said." That makes me proud."

Being a coach is something Amey has always wanted to do. In high school he was active in sports. While he was in college in Washington, a friend suggested he go to Illinois because they had a separate coaching program. So he did.

Then

Harry Amey was a captain when this photo was taken in 1942.



Now

52 years later, Harry Amey still is physically fit.

"I knew I always wanted to be a coach. In Washington I played sports in college, but I wasn't much of an athlete," he laughed modestly. "Coaching was more important to me. Maybe I wasn't much of a coach either."

The testimonies of his many former players proves the opposite.

"Harry Amey's philosophy and attitudes toward athletics has been and still is, a guiding force in my life," a former student said.

In January of 1971, Amey retired as the athletic director and at that time knew he was going to look for another job. In 1974 he began selling real estate.

In his spare time, that is if he can find any, he and his wife, Billie, take trips to Alaska, Panama, the Caribbean and visit the wine country.

"I always have something productive to do," Amey concluded. "Even if it's just drink wine and swim."

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Master Sgt. James Jackson, Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Handy, Spc. Angelo Aleman, Spc. Randy Piontkowski, Cpl. Bryant Long, Spc. Ronald Blow, Sgt. Jay Pope, Spc. Hector Contreras, Sgt. Blake Dahlke, Spc. Alvino Reyna III, Sgt. Erik Stalte, Spc. Rodney Bunyan and Staff Sgt. Jason Richards received commanders coins from Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr. They were presented these coins for the cannon salutes they performed on April 25 and 27 in honor of former President Richard Nixon.

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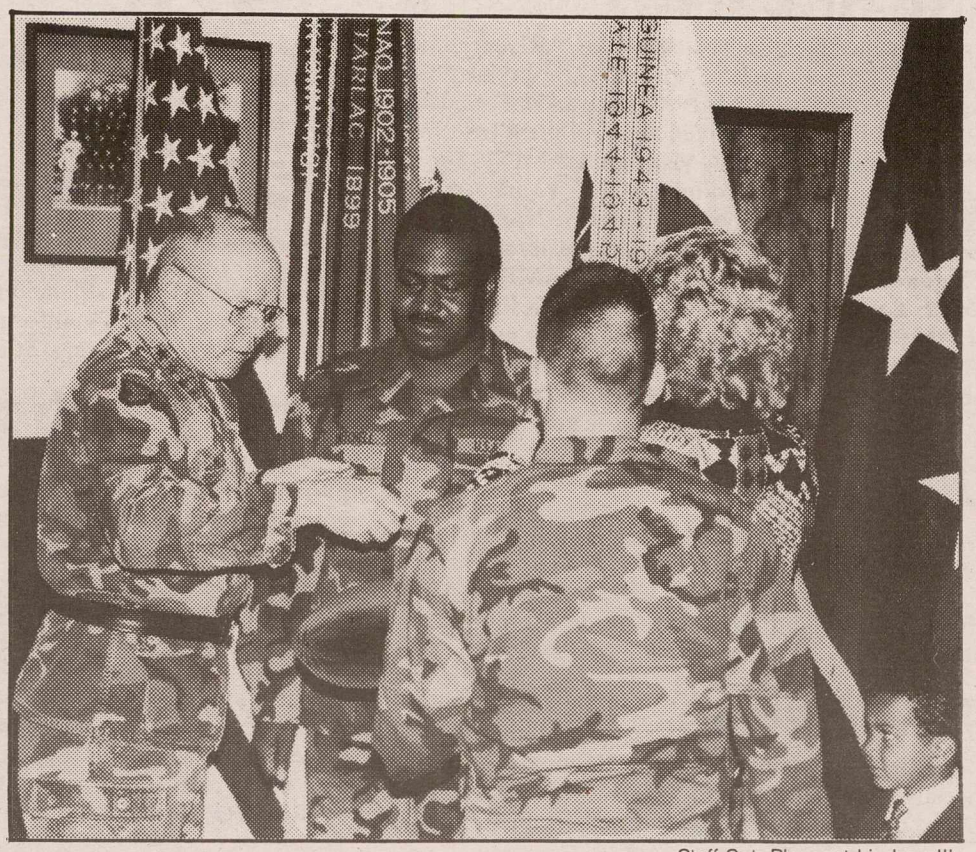
Jason Thomas, personnel automation analyst, was promoted to specialist on April 28 in his office. His supervisor Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Salgado and Spc. Wilkenson pinned on his new rank.



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Van L. Mitchell was promoted to the rank of sergeant major. Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander and Mitchell's wife, pinned on his new rank in the Command Conference Room of Building 38.

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Having his cake and eating it too. David Singer was promoted to sergeant April 29 by Garrison commander Col. Gregory A. Renn and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy.

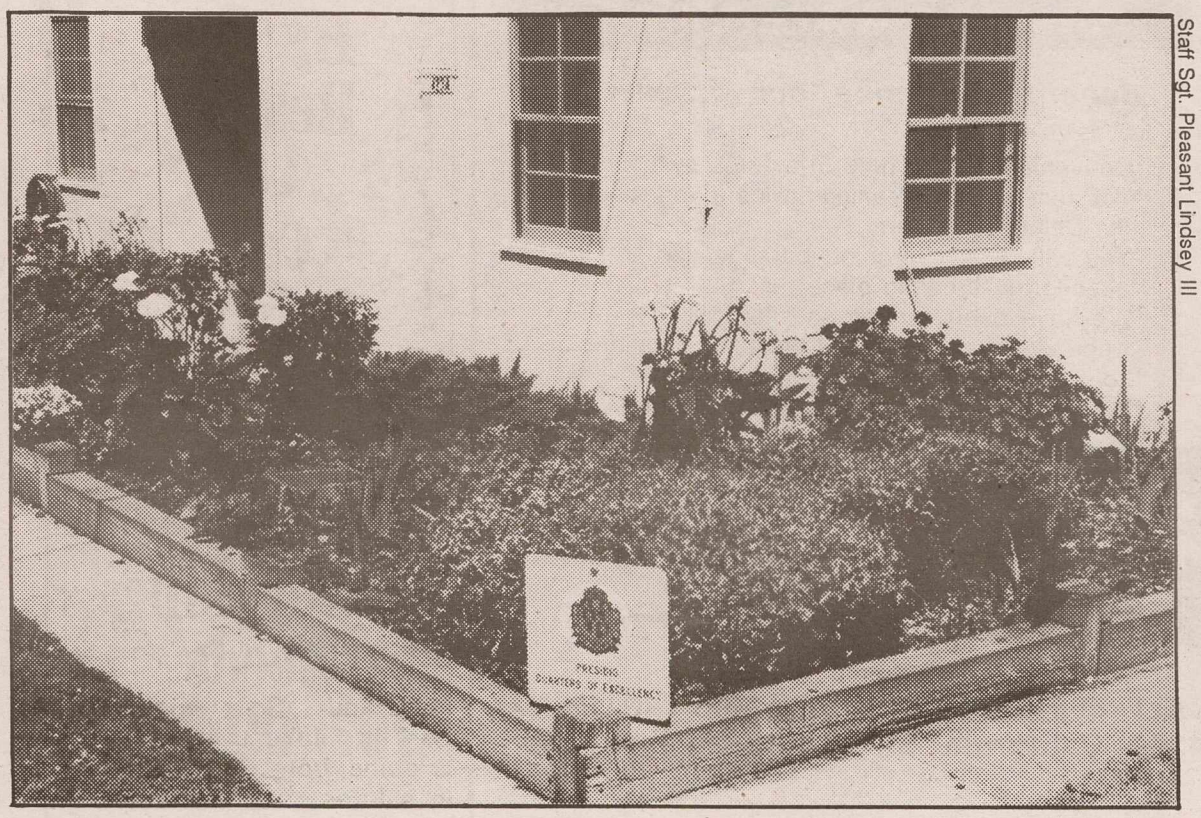
courtesy of Law Enforcement Company

Bravo, Zulu!

Several members of the Presidio's Law Enforcement Company were honored for excellence this month. TOP ROW: Pvt. 2 Donald Saucier was promoted to Private First Class. SECOND ROW (left to right): Pvt. 2 Eric J. Gregson was promoted to Private First Class, Pvt. 2 Eric J. Aho was promoted to Private First Class, and Spc. Richard L. Johnson received a certificate for being named Battalion soldier of the Month for November 1993 and Soldier of the Quarter for 1st Quarter of FY 94. SECOND ROW (left to right): Pfc. Dawn M. Woodfin received a company certificate for winning LEC's Soldier of the Month board, Pfc. Scott R. Miller was promoted to Specialist, and Sgt. Betsy J. Bibb received a plaque for winning NCO of the Quarter. BOTTOM: Staff Sgt. Tommy E. Bibb received a company certificate for scoring 299 on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Quarters of Excellence

Surrounded by landscaped flowers and well placed wood chips, this sign indicates that the quarters of Navy Lt. Cmdr. Lee A. Helgerson, 400 area,is one of the 16 quarters selected as Presidio Quarters of Excellence by U.S. Army Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy last week. This will be the final time that Boudy conducts the Quarters of Excellence program, as she retires from the Army this month. Other residents whose quarters were selected include: Capt. Victor R.I. Ramirez, Funston Avenue; Col. Gregory A. Renn, 300 area; Maj. James P. Aiello, 500 area; Sgt. Maj. Van L. Mitchell and Sergeants1st Class Cindy L. Holub, Robert D. Nabity and Gregory Smith, 700 area; Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey J. Perez and Pvt. 2 Kevin R. Thompson, 800 area; Capt. Michael A. Staves, 900 area; Col. Harry W. Peterson III and Maj. Martin R. Nolan, 1000 area; Capt. Bennetta C. King, 1200 area; Chief Warrant Officer 3 George Coates, 1400 area; and Petty Officer Marc J. Drown, 1500 area.



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Bill. Soldiers may obtain appointments by calling **561-4445/2974**. Walk-ins will be served whenever possible.

TRICARE News

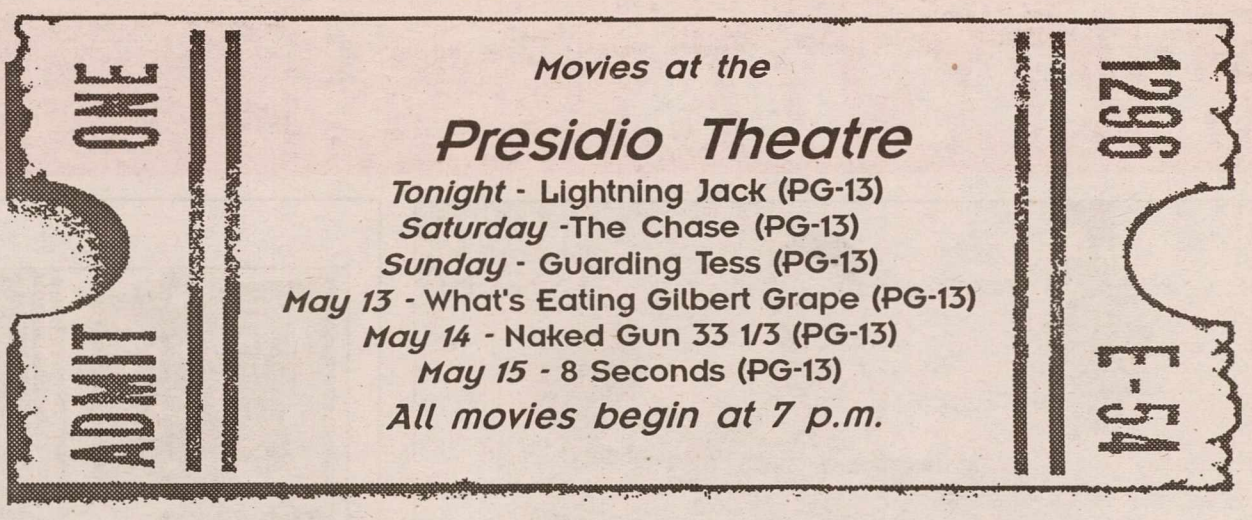
Aetna mailed their final batch of TRICARE enrollment cards during the last week of April. If you are a beneficiary who was enrolled in CHAMPUS Prime under Foundation Health and have not received an enrollment card from Aetna by today, you need to visit the CHAMPUS Service Center to update your enrollment status. Your not receiving a card may mean data was not transferred from Foundation Health to Aetna. This situation is easily resolved by doing an on-the-spot enrollment at the CHAMPUS Service Center, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The CHAMPUS Service Center is closed from noon until 1 p.m. for lunch, but they will receive phone calls during that time. The phone number is **561-0660**, and all seven digits must be dialed, even if calling from on post.

Oops!

The Park Police officer in last week's Buffalo Soldier Ceremony photo was incorrectly identified. The rider is Officer Bob Waidman, U.S. Park Police Horse Mounted Unit. The *Star Presidian* staff apologizes for the error.

VSIP News

The Garrison has opened a new Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) window. The window opened April 29 and closes May 12. The rules applicable to the last Garrison window as to separation dates and eligibility also apply to this window. For information, call Cindy Swift, Civilian Personnel Office, at **561-5756**.



Paving contract begins

Ransome Construction Company has started repairing and paving roads in the Fort Scott area. The work should take approximately one month and be completed on or about May 20. Closing of streets will be minimal and is expected to occur only during the actual paving process on streets too narrow for two-way traffic (such as Hitchcock Street). Traffic on other streets will be controlled by flagmen during the paving process. Some delays may occur when entering or exiting an off-street parking area.

Residents will be notified of parking restrictions on an "as needed" basis by the placement of "NO PARKING" signs. A notation on the sign will state the restriction time period.

If you have questions regarding this project, contact Foster Cope at **561-3769**.

Fort Baker events

Fort Baker, one of the Presidio's sub-installations, is the site for two events this weekend.

The first, Marin Boy Scouts' Scout-O-Rama, takes place today and tomorrow at the Fort Baker Main Parade Field. Everyone is invited to visit the various information booths, see demonstrations, and enjoy Scout lore.

Sunday, the Parade Field will come to life with the Bay Area Discovery Museum's annual Kite Festival. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Discovery Museum, a hands-on science museum for kids of all ages, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on that day.

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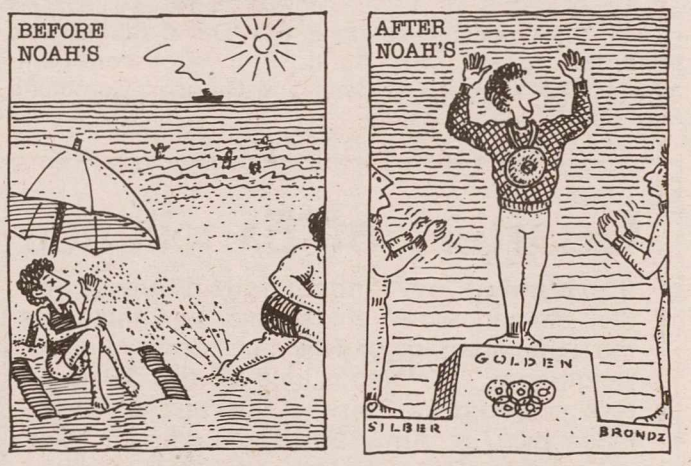

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"For a soldier to do well in the military, first they have to meet the Army standards, but they should go above that. They need to stay physically fit and keep a positive attitude," Boudy recommends to soldiers who hope to follow in her foot steps. As soldiers progress in the Army, they need to be role models and set the example, she says.

"I think it's important to set the example for young soldiers to follow. They are our future. They will be here to keep the Army what it is today," she added. "It's the same in the civilian world. We need to be good role models for our young folks."

Although Boudy has helped many soldiers improve themselves, she does not feel she has done more than what every soldier should do.

"It's all just being a soldier," Boudy said. "All leaders need to take care of soldiers and accomplish the mission."

After Boudy retires, she won't give up taking care of soldiers. It's a life long commitment, she believes.

"I'm not going to quit," she laughed. "I'll always be associated with the military."

Boudy plans to attend ROTC school and further her civilian education by earning her graduate degree. She will join her husband, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Boudy is not sure where she will be in Georgia. It depends on what school she attends, but she and her husband have decided that it is time for them to be together. They have been separated because of their military careers for the last three of Boudy's assignments.

"You just have to stay busy, and you have to be strong when you're separated from your spouse. It's something you have to talk about and decide that it's what you both want," Boudy said. "My husband and I talked, and we decided that it was time for us to be together. Now I'm going to support my husband's career."

Despite her family separation, Boudy says there is nothing she would change about her career.

"As I look back, there is nothing I would change," she said. "My main concern has been helping the soldiers, and I've always done what I can to take care of them."

Boudy admits she is looking forward to retirement from the Army, but she will not be retired completely.

"I'm looking forward to retirement, but I'm not exactly going to be retired," Boudy concluded. "I'll be going to school and moving on. I'll still keep busy!"

Editor's note: Boudy wishes to thank Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Col. Gregory A. Renn and Command Sgt. Maj. Otto Copeland for all their support. "They made it all happen," she said." Command Sgt. Maj. Copeland really taught me a lot. As a new command sergeant major, I could always go to him and he would give me good advice."

Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy's retirement ceremony was held April 28. She will retire from active duty in September.

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Bleacher brief

Command Group bowling team peaks entering intramural championship tourney

Wayne Agness waited until the final week of the season to record the league's best series and help the Command Group maintain first place at the Intramural Bowling League at the Post Bowling Lanes, Building 93.

Agness rolled games of 263, 223 and 214. Teammate Forrest Holloway added games of 245, 214 and 201 to help Command Group secure a 74.5-45.5 won/lost record after 90 games.

Command Group has chalked up a team average of 753 while knocking down 67,853 pins.

Holloway tipped over 13,335, Agness 13,065 and Ed Pulanco 12,695 pins to lead the team.

So far this season, Rod Cabugos of the second place Islanders team rolled the high game scratch with a 266, followed by Agness with 263 (the high for the week) and Holloway with 259. Agness' 263 and 701 series score made him one of the stars of the week.

Readiness Group's Rick Camacho tallied the high game handicap with 275, INS Inc.'s Don Banks scored 274, and Holloway and Pulanco rolled 272.

Meanwhile, the women were burning up the lanes as well.

DOIM's Milly Simmons bowled a 246 high game scratch and was followed by Kim Coons of Readiness Group with 226 and Command Group's Barbara Bagley with 223.

Simmons also rolled 283 for a high game handicap, while Coons tossed a 255 handicap game and the Oddball's Lan Medina scored 243.

The other star of the week was Command Group's Morena Villanueva, who bowled a 194 game and tallied a 521 series. Among the women, Villanueva ranks third with a season high 569 scratch series. Only Bagley and Coons have higher scratch series scores, with 617 and 599 respectively.

The intramural championship is being held this week.

Standings

1. **Command Group,** 74.5-45.5, 67,853 pins;
2. **Islanders,** 68.5-51.5, 66,717;
3. **INS Inc.,** 66-54, 66,166;
4. **Readiness Group,** 66-54, 66,019;
5. **Oddballs,** 60-60, 66.080;
6. **Community Recreation Division,** 55-65, 60129;
7. **DOIM,** 49-71, 62,281; and
8. **High Rollers,** 42-78, 64,583.

High Series Scratch

Men: Wayne Agness, 701; Ed Pulanco, 672; Forrest Holloway, 669.

Women: Barbara Bagley, 617; Kim Coons, 599; Morena Villanueva, 569.

High Series Handicap

Men: Pulanco, 720; Holloway, 708; Agness, 707.

Women: Coons, 686; Simmons, 676, Pam Allen, CRD Sports, 621.

LUSAHC jumps to lead, takes two in volleyball

The Post's Intramural Volleyball Championship began this week as Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic took the final two sets in its first game to defeat USAG, 15-13, 15-3, and 15-10, Tuesday in Gym No. 1, Building 63.

Afterward, DOL bumped off Readiness Group-PSF in two sets, 15-12 and 15-13.

That set up a match between DOL and LUSAHC. Once again, LUSAHC had to come from behind to get the victory. The final set was a close battle, but LUSAHC managed to win the game, 5-15, 15-12, 15-13.

In the finale, RG-PSF defeated USAG 15-3, 15-2.

Bay to Breakers buses available for volunteers

Three 44-passenger buses will be available for Presidio **Bay to Breakers** volunteers and runners from 4 to 4:30 a.m. May 16 at the north end of the main parade ground parking lot across from the Post Office. The buses will depart at 4:30 a.m. Human wall volunteers will be dropped off at Mission and Main streets. Draw-Bridge volunteers will be dropped off at Mission and Beale streets.

After the race, a bus will shuttle Presidio runners from 32nd and Balboa streets back to the Presidio from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The point of contact is Staff Sgt. Richards at **561-2355.**

Order in the court — LUSAHC reigns

Leaving no doubt as to their ranking in the tournament, members of the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic Basketball Team tell anyone who'll listen who is number one. The team members are (front row) Bobbie McMoriss, Elijha King, Barry Burdett, Willie Killens, (standing) Wayne Rogers, Steve Canteberry, Jered White, Bradley Switter, Demetrius Allen and Keith Taylor. LUSAHC beat the USAG Military Personnel Division (USAG #I) 74-72 in overtime April 19 in Gym No. 2. Switter tipped in the winning basket at the buzzer.

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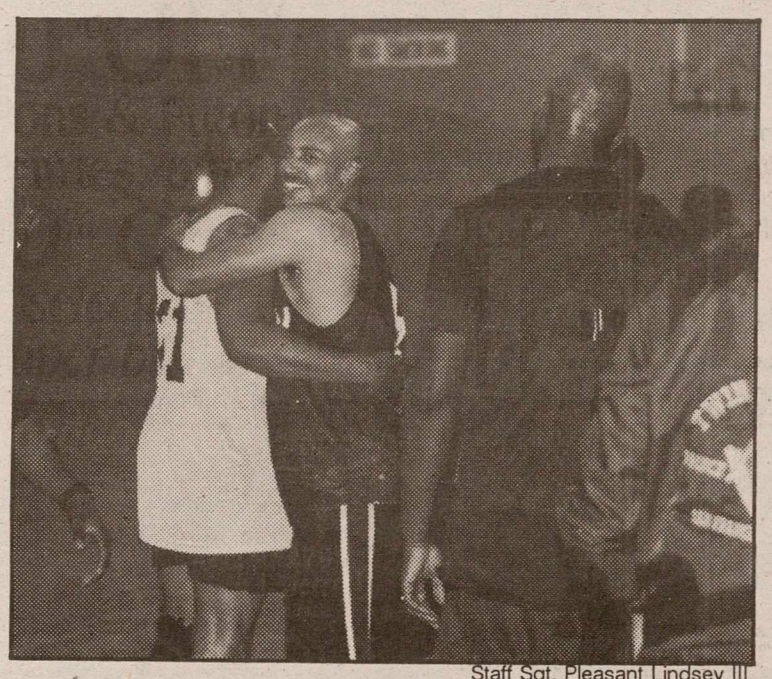
Showing the intensity of combatants (right), LUSAHC's McMorris guards against USAG #I's Vernon Fowler with just minutes to go in regulation time. After the battle, the soldiers such as USAG #I's Dale Kennedy and LUSAHC's Rogers remind each other that it was just a game. No one dared say that before the final buzzer blew. This game had organizational bragging rights written all over it.



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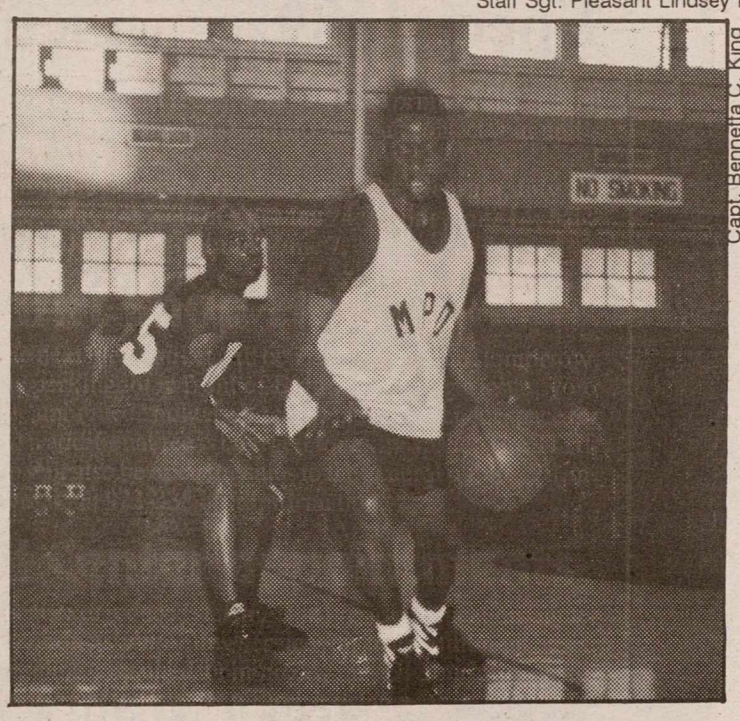


Capt. Bennetta C. King

Historic Preservation Week

Commemorative events for Presidio, public announced

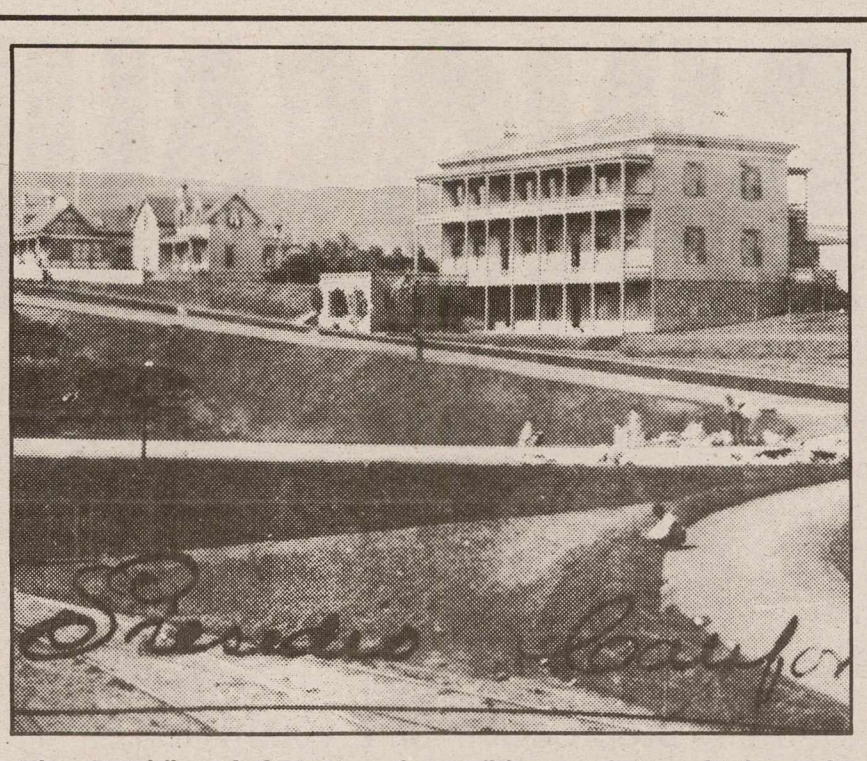
National Historic Preservation Week begins Monday and runs until May 14. There will be several events held on the Presidio in recognition of this week.

The **Partners in Preservation** exhibit will be set up May 10-13 in the Presidio Officers' Club Moraga Room and May 17 in the Golden Gate Community Club for the public meeting beginning at 7 p.m. This exhibit highlights the Army's historic preservation activities, including ongoing archeological investigations. The event is open to the public during business hours.

Historic Preservation Laws & Regulations Training takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 11, in the Presidio Courthouse, Bldg. 222. This training is open to 20 Army civilian and military employees. There is no cost, but you must pre-register to attend. The class is taught by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the California State Historic Preservation Office. Call Sannie Osborn at **561-5060** for information.

A **Brown Bag Lunch Slide Show** will also be held at Bldg. 222, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., May 12. Vance Bente will show slides and talk about the archeological investigation of the Spanish-Colonial Presidio de San Francisco. The original fortification walls and associated artifacts were discovered on post in June 1993. The slide show is open to the public.

Archeological excavations will take place on the Presidio Tuesday through May 12, 4-6 p.m., and May 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Quarters 15 backyard and possibly in the area around the Pershing Square flagpole. Kevin Agness and other members of Boy Scout Troop 77 will be working with professional archeologists to further define the boundaries of the original Spanish Presidio. The dig sites are open to the public. *(Corps of Engineers)*



The Presidio of San Francisco did not always look as it does today. This historical photo, circa 1870, shows the barren landscape that existed prior to the Army's forestation program. The row of houses is along Funston Avenue. The three-story building was then Presidio General Hospital, the home of today's Presidio Army Museum.

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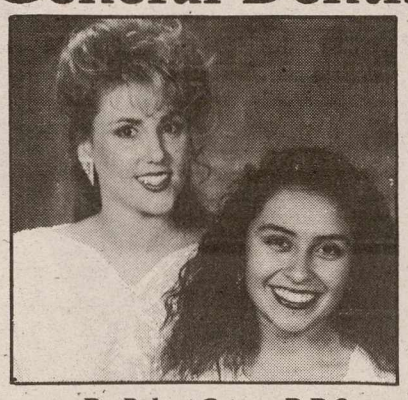

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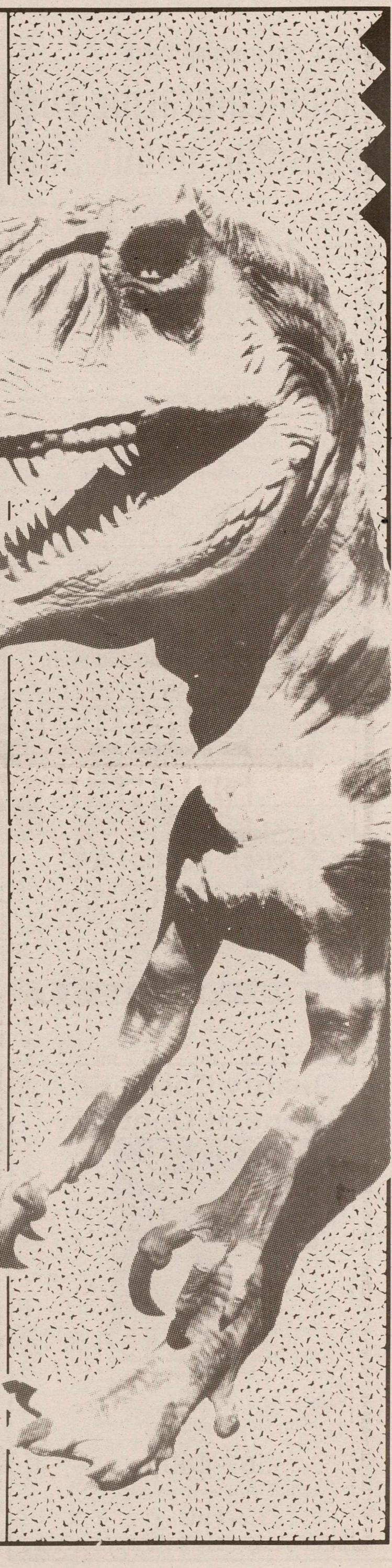

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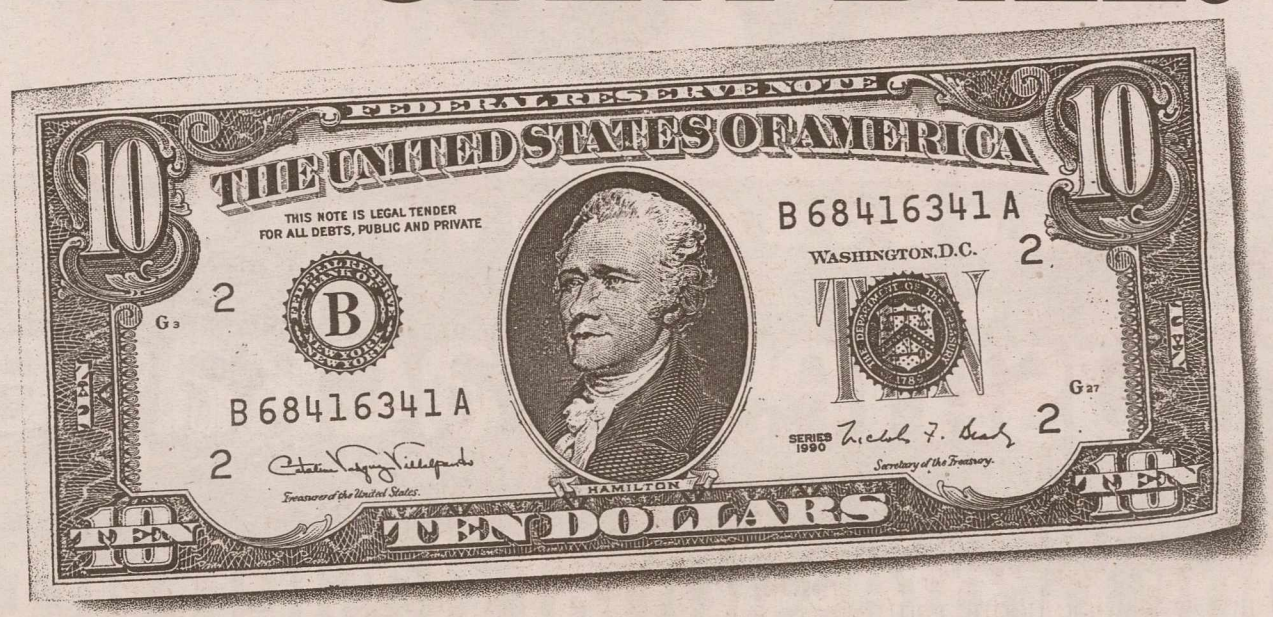

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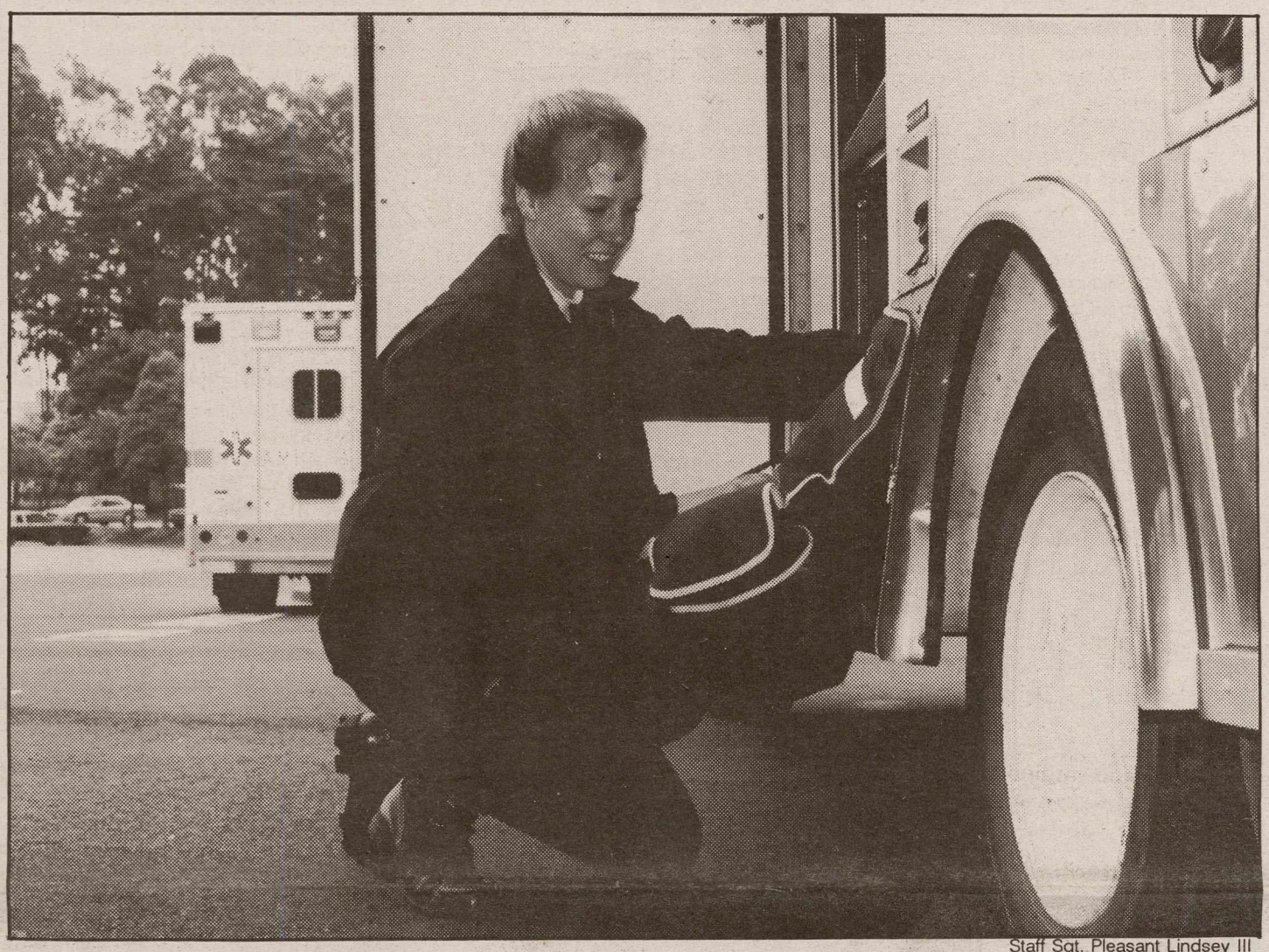

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Spc. Melissa Dion performs a preventive maintenence check on equipment in the ambulance. The ambulance service is expected to transfer to the National Park Service in July. At that time the ambulance service will only be used for immediate emergencies and no longer for convenience. Many other changes will also occur with the downsizing of Letterman U.S. Army Clinic.

Letterman downsizes
New clinic opens June 1

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will downsize to the new clinic June 1. The Clinic will be located where the Acute Care Clinic is now. With this change, there will no longer be an Acute Care Clinic and only active duty members will be seen on a walk-in basis.

"It is very important that people realize that there will no longer be an ACC at Letterman," said Lt. Col. Cris Jennings, head nurse, Acute Care Clinic. "The new Letterman Clinic will be like a troop medical clinic with the primary mission of providing active duty health care. However, there may be some adult family member appointments limited to availability."

There will only be two full-time physicians, a very limited clinic staff of 14 people and a small Dental Clinic with one dentist and a hygienist, stated Dr. Milton K. McDowell, chief, PCCM.

"There are arrangements still being finalized to provide half day appointments once a week with civilian resource sharing doctors through Aetna. Tentatively, these doctors would provide specialty services in Gynecology, Podiatry, Dermatology, Physical Medicine and Optometry," he added. "Appointments will be made for active duty first, unfilled appointments would be available to family members by referral from the patient's Primary Care Manager. Additionally, plans are in effect to provide Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program counseling and Mental Health resources for active duty soldiers and limited family members."

During the change over to the new clinic no appointments will be scheduled in the first week of June. The new phone number for scheduling appointments will be published at a later date.

"We expect to be running efficiently and smoothly by July," McDowell said. Although there will be only two doctors in the clinic, Active duty sick call should run the same as it does now."

Other changes will also occur with the transition to the new clinic.

Pharmacy

The pharmacy will only serve active duty members.

However, there is a mail-in pharmacy that will serve all CHAMPUS beneficiaries and Medicare eligible retirees who are affected by base realignment and closure. For active duty family members any prescription will cost $4 and for retirees it will cost $8 for a 60-day supply.

"There will be about a two-week turn around for mail-in prescriptions," McDowell said. "The mail-in system actually saves retirees over the age of 65 money. If they turn in the prescription at a drug store, they will pay 20 percent of the cost. However, if the prescription is for medication needed immediately, we suggest getting two prescriptions. The first prescription would be filled at a drug store and cover the initial two-week period, and the other would be filled by mail order and cover the remaining time frame."

"For long term medication needs, such as anti-hypertensive, people must plan ahead," Jennings added. "This alternative pharmacy system may not be as convenient as Letterman's pharmacy, but it will work with excellent cost savings to the patient."

Patient Service Center

The Patient Service Center will drastically downsize from seven to two people and will primarily serve active duty personnel.

"Two people will not have the resources or time to perform the same amount of work the center has done in the past," said 1st Lt. Shelley Wehry, assistant chief, Patient Service Center. "We have conducted numerous health fairs and given extensive briefings on the necessity to have health care plans as Letterman closes. In addition, we have helped retirees get Medicare Part B, exemptions from the enrollment penalty, refunds

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Commander responds to Presidians' concerns

By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

I am pleased to again have an opportunity to address your questions and concerns. All of the Presidians who asked questions for this month's column work at Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Staff Sgt. Michael Rodman asked what level of police security will be present once the post transitions to the Park Service.

Military Police and Park Service Police have been conducting joint patrols since August of last year to help the Park Police prepare for their job as the primary law enforcement here at the Presidio after the post transition. The joint patrol program helps familiarize Park Police with the layout of the Presidio and the types of incidents normally handled by the MPs. It will also familiarize them with the difference between working with the civilian and military communities.

Both the Park Police and the Military Police who will remain (36 slots have been requested) are committed to keeping the Presidio safe. A memorandum of understanding will be negotiated between the Park Service and the Army to determine exactly what roles each police force will play in keeping the Presidio a safe place to live.

Spc. Sheila Williams wants to know whether the final determination has been made about the fate of the commissary and Post Exchange for the soldiers who are staying here.

As I mentioned last month, at this time it looks like both the commissary and Post Exchange will remain open to serve the soldiers and retirees in the area. That's good news for everyone!

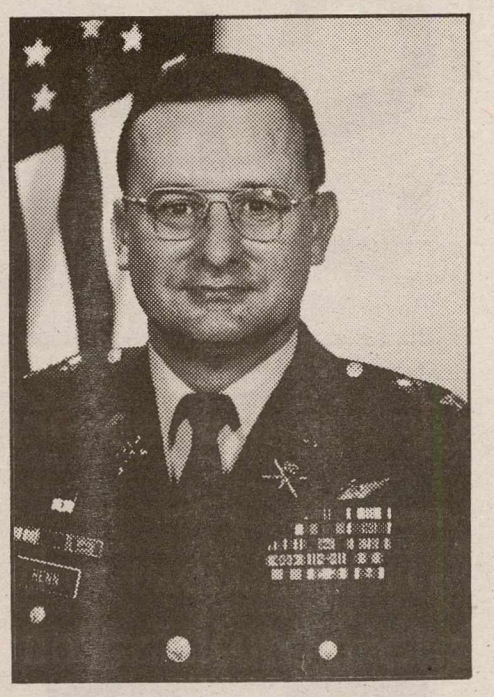
Fayretta Johnson asked, "After this building [Letterman] closes in mid-July, who will get it? Will they need a post office?" (Johnson is the station clerk for Letterman's Post Office.)

Well, the Park Service is reviewing respondents to their "Request for Qualification" this week. The RFQ respondents are organizations interested in using Letterman's facilities to further their work. Once the Park Service has selected one of those organizations, I'll be able to answer this question more fully. At this time, that's everything we know.

Spc. Lea Kruczek wants to know whether soldiers who remain here will receive a cost of living allowance after the post's support services close.

Unfortunately, the answer to this question is "no." There are no provisions for stateside cost of living allowances, even for soldiers in high cost areas.

Finally, **Sgt. Alberto Trevino III** asked, "How soon will we know the final status of the golf course, and how will it affect active duty soldiers and retirees?" That's a great question. Unfortunately, we don't know the answer yet and won't know until negotiations are completed between the Army and the National Park Service. We anticipate they'll conclude their business by the end of the month. Because the terms and conditions of the golf course are the main issues still under negotiation, we don't know how active duty soldiers and retirees will be affected. When those determinations are made, we'll inform the community right away.



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Directorate of Public Works

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We have fixed the problem with our testing contractor and have not had any problems since February. To preclude this problem from happening in the future, we have identified an alternate testing facility for backup and have required the testing contractor to check with the Environmental Office before coming on post to sample the water. Should you have any questions about the water system on the Presidio please contact the Water Quality Program Manager at (415) 561-6361.

Sincerely,

David Wilkins
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Vox Populi

Dear Editor:

Is there ANYTHING you can do to alleviate the dangerous traffic conditions on West Pacific Avenue, between the Golf Club and the 14th Avenue gate?

It has been bad for the past year, but in the last month it has become truly dangerous to all the pedestrians on that road.

The groundskeepers are very good about keeping to moderate speeds. The AT&T trucks used to be good, but lately they seem to think this "service road" is for them alone.

In the morning there are parents clearly driving children to school from the Avenues farther west, and in the late afternoon, teenagers driving home from school and adults from work -- and they are ALL in a hurry!

I have stopped a number of the drivers to caution them about pedestrians on the road, and it is quite clear that "the word is out" that West Pacific is a fine alternative to those pesky stop signs on Lake Street.

PLEASE! We need "10 MPH" signs about every 100 feet on that stretch of road! Or, better still, couldn't both the gates on the western portion of the road be kept closed? There is no good reason for through traffic on West Pacific, and we should not have to wait until a child or a rickety senior with a cane is killed before traffic controls are installed!

Sincerely,
J.W. Miller
(A walker on West Pacific Ave. for 38 years)

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Peer counselors ease closure stress

By Ann Williams
Civilian Personnel Office

We all have one common bond that we are experiencing (job loss). Remember, the Garrison Command and the Civilian Personnel staff will be losing their jobs while continuing to complete the mission of ensuring that your personnel needs and rights are met. Therefore, consideration and sensitivity on the part of the general work force are necessary and appreciated when requesting individual personnel services concerning benefits to which you are entitled. All of us will be separated on Sept. 30.

You are not alone! We are all in this together, and together we will survive! There are many exceptional programs on the installation to help us through this very difficult time.

Change affects all of us, but it affects us differently depending on where we are in the cycle of our lives. Cycles of life are early adulthood (20-40 years), middle adulthood (40-50 years), maturity (50-65 years), and 65 plus. You may be married, single, head of household, single parent, military or civilian.

For example, a 20-year- old employee will feel completely different about a job loss than would a 40-year-old employee who has been working on the same job for 15 or 20 years. When any change or movement occurs (transition), it can and may cause a rapid, eruptive tidal wave in one's life.

A loss of a job can be one of the most devastating situations that has ever happened to you, even when knowing that the reorganization, lay-off, merger, closure, etc., is taking place. Even with advance information, we still suffer the loss.

It symbolizes the death of something valued, which causes us to readjust emotionally, financially, physically, and psychologically. The fear of starting over begins to traumatize us, knowingly or unknowingly.

So now is the time to reach out to your fellow co-workers, simply by providing support to one another. This can be done simply by inviting a friend out to lunch, arranging to get together after work and on weekends, working on some sort of project, seeking new employment together, and mostly by encouraging and listening to one another.

So begin to spread the word to others about your loss. Network, network, network! On the bus, at meetings, everywhere! Let everyone know that you are available and seeking new employment. Make a personal schedule for job hunting. Have a direct plan of action. Broaden your job search. Prepare diligently for those dreaded interviews; present your marketable experience, skills and abilities in the best light possible. Be continuously persistent. Or keep busy doing something constructive (volunteer).

Peer counseling has been established as part of your social support system. The counselors are employees who have volunteered and been trained to be a support system. Their duties will include providing co-workers with motivational skills, serving as buffers for validating anger, helping reinforce dignity, respect and self esteem, and assisting in the development of job search strategies.

With peer counselors, the employee will feel comfortable, supported, better understood, and accepted. It is important for our employees to understand what is happening in the change process and not become isolated in feelings of lack of control. Peer counseling is of a confidential nature, unless the situation is life threatening.

By providing this type of support service, we acknowledge our responsibility to the human factor as we continue to accomplish our mission. Counselors are ready to assist you. Feel free to interact with the counselor or counselors that suit your needs.

Presidio of San Francisco peer counselors are: **Eloise Callwood** (LUSAH), **Jacqueline Thomas** (DOC), **Joyce Claridy** (DOL), **Theodore Apontes** (IG), **Michael Bell** (LUSAH), **Janice Profitt** (Sixth U.S. Army DCSOPS), **Bob Jargoyhen** (DOL), **Lee Box** (DPW), **Charles Sirles** (DPW), **Juanita Whitehead** (CPO), **Valencia Moore** (CPO), **Kevin Blackwell** (Union, AFGE Local 1457), **William Sapp** (DPW), **Gil Funes** (CPO, NAF), **Caesar Malthi** (NAF, Officers' Club), **Glorita Espino** (DPCA, Child Development Center), **Sharon Thomas** (DPCA, Army Emergency Relief), **Francisco DaCosta** (National Park Service), **Carolyn Garrett** (DOL), **Muata Rasuli** (DPW), and **Carolyn Thompson** (Sixth U.S. Army PAO).

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Transition

Vacancies, job search classes announced

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian Staff

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Aquatic Biologist, GS-0408-09. Announcement No. GOGA-94-56 closes May 26. Incumbent of this position will be required to wear a uniform.

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Before you take the bait and accept a job offer, ask yourself whether you really know how to evaluate that offer. There is more to consider than dollars and cents. Attend the two-hour workshop on **Evaluating Job Offers**, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Job Assistance Center. Call **561-2554** for reservations. Administrative leave for this seminar may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor.

The Job Assistance Center (JAC) from Fort Ord is here the first and third Tuesday afternoons of each month, all Wednesdays, and Thursday mornings in Bldg. 37. Transitioning soldiers, civilians and adult family members are encouraged to make an appointment with a counselor to discuss the job transition process. Counselors are available to assist you in writing a professional resume and cover letter and preparing for interviews. To schedule a counseling appointment, call Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430**.

It is important for you to develop your network and employer contacts. The computerized Army Employer Alumni Network (AEAN) has a data base of more than 11,000 employers nationwide. These employers have indicated an interest in receiving your resumes, even if they are not currently recruiting. You may access this information using the JAC's, PAC-JAC computer system.

The Job Resource Center will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 21. If you have been too busy to get away from your job to prepare an SF 171, resume, or KSAs, make an appointment now by calling **561-2554**.

Commissary offers month-long sale

Many special bargains will be offered in commissaries during the month-long Armed Forces Day Sale in May. The sale is held annually in commissaries worldwide to recognize the contributions of the Armed Forces to the security of the nation. The Presidio Commissary sale runs through May 29.

Single and married service members, reservists, retirees, and family members will find great bargains throughout a full range of products, including health and beauty aids, beverages, microwavable meals, cereals, frozen foods, candies and others.

Shoppers will see more than 200 different items at discounts of 20 to 60 percent below their normal commissary price. This will provide savings even greater than the usual 20 - 25 percent already found in the commissary. When patrons go to their commissary, they should remember to bring coupons and enjoy additional savings on the many products that will be on sale.

Special product displays will be offered in stores throughout the Defense Commissary Agency's Southwest Region. In addition to sales programs prepared by DeCA headquarters in Fort Lee, Va., region buyers have been busy analyzing and accepting additional offers from local companies in California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah. The total package promises to be one of the most ambitious offered by commissaries.

Other worldwide sales to be held in commissaries are the Community Appreciation Sale in July, to honor community support organizations, and the DeCA Anniversary Sale held in October in observance of the Defense Commissary Agency's anniversary.

In addition to the worldwide sales, DeCA regions conduct their own sales, usually on a monthly basis, featuring discounts on many items throughout the store.
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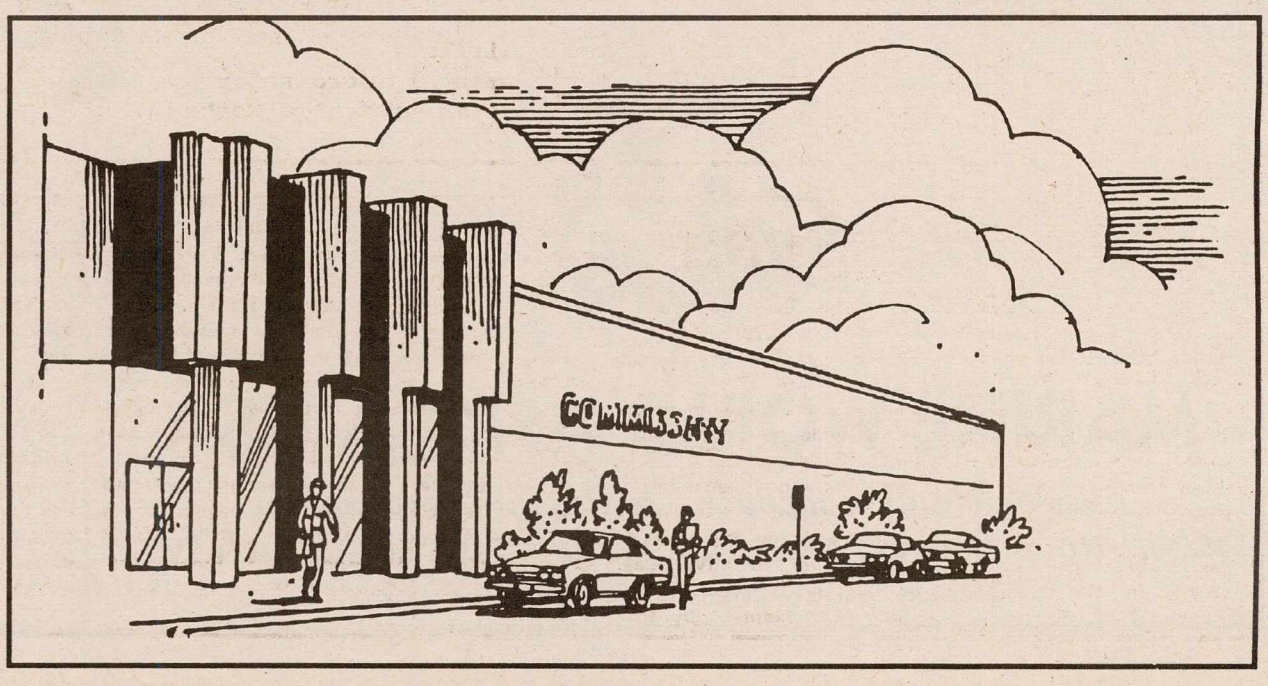

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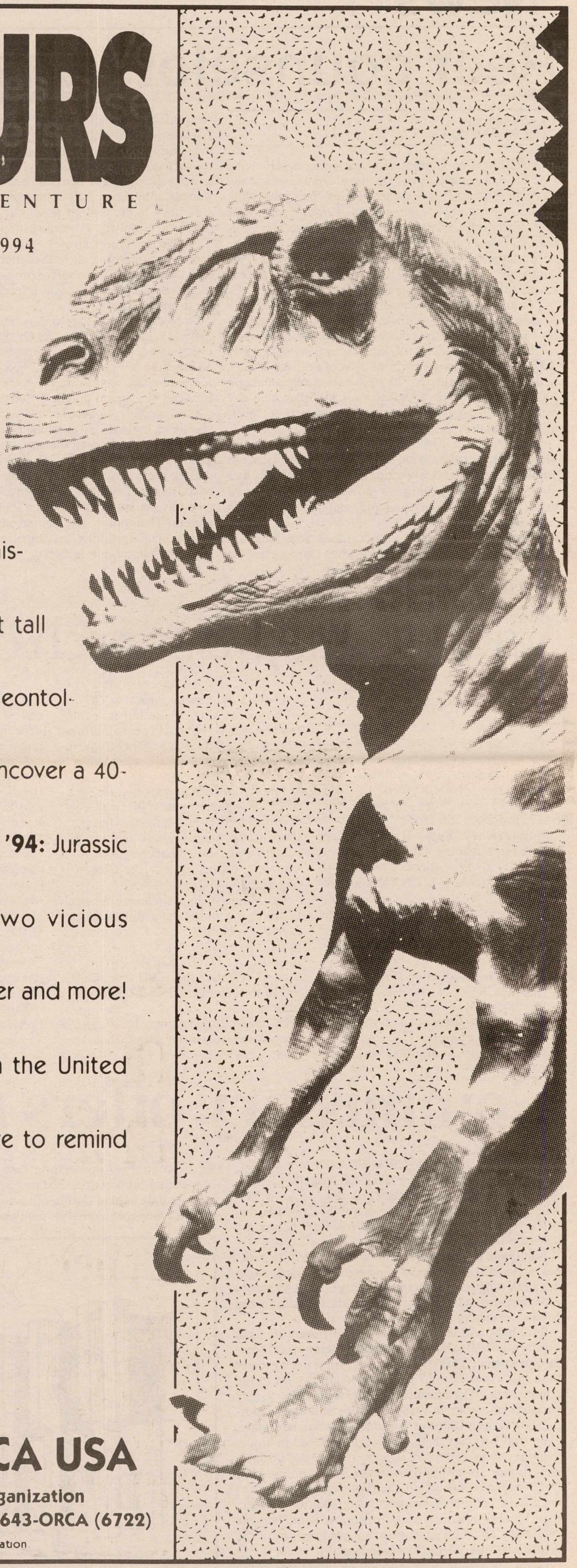

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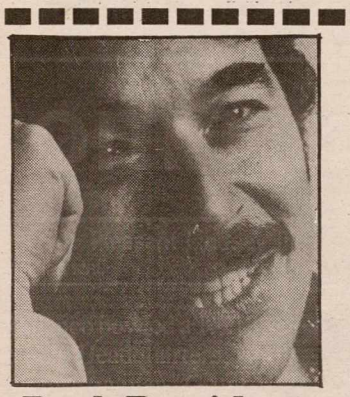

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News briefs

State Primary dates

Here is the most recent series of state primary and special election dates. For additional information, contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

Alabama, June 7; **Arkansas**, May 24; **Georgia**, July 19; **Idaho**, May 24; **Kentucky**, May 24; **Maine**, June 14; **Mississippi**, June 7; **Montana**, June 7; **New Jersey**, June 7.

Ed Center appointments

Because of reduced staffing, the Presidio Education Center now conducts counseling services on an appointment basis. Counseling is required for in-processing, ETS out-processing, and approval to test, use tuition assistance or in-service GI Bill. Soldiers may obtain appointments by calling **561-4445/2974**. Walk-ins will be served whenever possible.

Paving contract begins

Ransome Construction Company has started repairing and paving roads in the Fort Scott area. The work should take approximately one month and be completed on or about May 20. Closing of streets will be minimal and is expected to occur only during the actual paving process on streets too narrow for two-way traffic (such as Hitchcock Street). Traffic on other streets will be controlled by flagmen during the paving process. Some delays may occur when entering or exiting an off-street parking area.

Residents will be notified of parking restrictions on an "as needed" basis by the placement of "NO PARKING" signs. A notation on the sign will state the restriction time period.

If you have questions regarding this project, contact Foster Cope at **561-3769**.

Volunteers needed

The City of San Francisco Marathon needs volunteers to help staff the July 31 race. The marathon course will be sectioned into 26 one-mile stations, and a group of approximately 15 to 20 volunteers is needed for each mile. Volunteers will help direct the racers, pass out water, and provide encouragement. If you are interested in helping with this event, call **391-2123**.

ZooFest for kids

Where can your family feed a giraffe, ride a carousel, laugh at a clown and "wolf" down a barbecue? At the second annual ZooFest for Kids, 6:30-9 p.m., June 3, at the San Francisco Zoo. It's a unique opportunity for families to explore the zoo during the magical nighttime hours. The evening includes behind-the-scenes tours, animal feedings, entertainment, computer games, face painting, prizes and a barbecue dinner. There will be interactive museum exhibits from the Exploratorium and Bay Area Discovery Museum and performers from Valentine Mime, Snap Dragon Puppets, and more. Proceeds from the event support the Zoo's wildlife conservation and education programs. Call **753-7171** for information.

Commissary closure

In observance of Memorial Day, the Presidio Commissary will be closed May 31.

PX visitor policy

Beginning June 1, a new PX visitors policy will be implemented. The purpose of this change is to prevent the abuse of a privilege that is extended to authorized patrons (ID card holders). The new policy allows only immediate family members (parents and siblings) of ID card holders as authorized visitors to the PX. Further, all visitors must be registered through the Services Division, Director of Personnel and Community Activities, located in the basement of Garrison Headquarters, Bldg. 220. Registration hours will be 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Guest passes will be issued during the

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New Clinic opens here

On June 1, the New Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will open in the area of the hospital now known as the Acute Care Clinic.

This necessitates the closure of the Acute Care Clinic. The new clinic hours will be Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EMS Ambulance Services will continue to be provided by the Army while the mission is transferred to the National Park Service.

Primary care will be for active duty members only. Sick call hours for active duty personnel will be held from 7:30 to 10 a.m.. Appointments will be available for active duty from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. The clinic will close for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

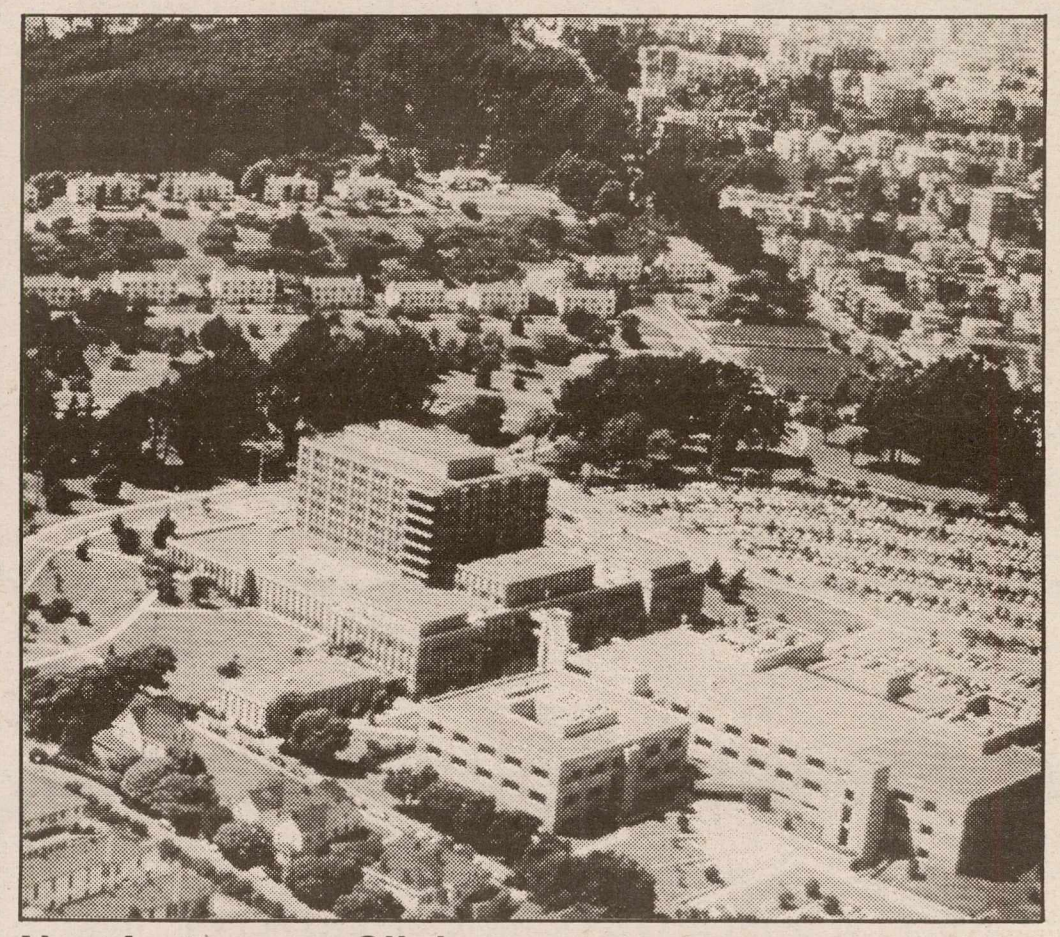
Adult family members of those active duty sponsors who will PCS or ETS between June 1 and Sept. 30 can be seen in the new clinic, by appointment only, on a space available limited basis.

There will be no pediatric service available.

Family members who require regular medical attention are encouraged to find a primary care manager in the civilian community.

Services will be very limited at Letterman, therefore, patients will be referred into the civilian community if necessary. The cost of the ambulance transfer and medical services will be shared by CHAMPUS and the patient.

Questions should be directed tot he Patient Service Center at Letterman. Call 561-4509. The Patient Service Center can also assist family members in finding civilian providers who have short waiting times for initial appointments and availability for same day sick appointments. Please drop in anytime weekdays between 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.



New Letterman Clinic

Letterman has faced many changes through the years. It's gone from a fully operating medical center to a clinic. On June 1 it will downsize even further, becoming the New Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic. It will basically be a troop medical clinic, serving active duty service members.

Ambulance service to be cost shared

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

The ambulance transport service will be cost-shared between CHAMPUS and active duty family members beginning July 1. In mid-May the National Park Service will begin responding for ambulance calls on the Presidio. In July the Army will turn in all of their ambulances. A civilian ambulance company, Baystar, will be dispatched by the Park Service to transport residents to civilian hospitals when medically necessary.

"CHAMPUS will share the cost of ambulance transportation if it is medically necessary and the medical condition is covered by CHAMPUS," said Edward Evans, marketing representative, Aetna Government Health Plans. "If it meets those criteria, there will be only a $5 co-payment of family members under TRICARE Prime.

"Under TRICARE extra an active duty family member must pay 15 percent of the CHAMPUS allowable after the deductible is met. Retirees would pay 20 percent of the CHAMPUS allowable after their deductible is met," he continued. "Under Standard CHAMPUS, family members would pay 20 perecent of the CHAMPUS allowable after detuctible is met and 25 percent for retirees."

According to Evans, ambulance transportation will be provided without charge to active duty members.

CHAMPUS will only cost-share for ambulance services when it is deemed medically necessary, meaning that the patient's medical condition does not allow use of regular automobile, taxi, or bus transportation. (See your CHAMPUS Handbook, Page 30.)

Conditions that CHAMPUS will probably rule as medically necessary are: chest pain, severe uncontrolled bleeding, fractures where the bone penetrates the skin, hip or pelvic fractures, neck or spine injuries, severe asthma attacks where assistance in breathing is required, etc.

Conditions that CHAMPUS probably will not rule as medically necessary are: possible bone fractures where the bone does not penetrate the skin, cuts where the bleeding can be controlled, migraine headaches, no other form of transportation available, etc.

The cost for using ambulance services can range form $700 to $2,000. Under standard CHAMPUS, the patient will be required to pay 20 percent of the bill after the annual deductible is met. ($50 per person; $100 per family for E-4 and below and $150 per person and $300 per family for all other ranks. Under TRICARE Prime, the co-payment is $5 for all ranks.

If a patient has chest pains or soemthing they deem a medical emergency and is transported in an ambulance, but their conditon turns out to be minor such as heart burn, it is possible that the claims representatives will not approve the cost sharing.

"There is an appeal process," Evans said. "Of course you are going to do what you think is important for your well-being. Your health is the most important factor here. If claims disagrees you should visit your CHAMPUS office to process an appeal."

"If you have a factual dispute with certain decisions made by the CHAMPUS contractor or by CHAMPUS headquarters, you have the right to appeal--to ask the CHAMPUS contractor or CHAMPUS headquarters to take anohter look or to get antohter opinion onthe decision," states the CHAMPUS handbook.

If you have any questions about the ambulance service or an appeal call the Patient Service Center at **561-4509**.

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and assisted them in finding supplemental insurance."

"We have been actively closing and trying to help people transition since 1991. Last week we had a retiree come in with some significant health problems. He had no primary care physician, last saw a physician more than six months ago at Letterman, had no Medicare Part B, no supplemental insurance and basically no plan for his health care beyond Letterman and Oak Knoll," Jennings said. "Lt. Wehry was able to immediately intervene. She enrolled him in Medicare Part B effective that day, counseled his family member on TRICARE Prime and counseled him on various Medicare HMO options. We took care of his emergent health problems and expedited his transfer to a civilian hospital."

"Planning to go to Oak Knoll or Travis is not a reasonable plan for health care. Oak Knoll will be closed in 1996. Family members and retirees need to have a primary care provider and should enroll in TRICARE Prime and have supplemental insurance," said Lt. Col. Sandy Peterson, chief, Patient Service Center.

"People need to realize that Travis and Oak Knoll haven't increased it's staff and in some instances it has decreased," McDowell said. "They are busy hospitals and space is limited. They aren't able assume care for approximately 60,000 Letterman patients."

Ambulance

Along with the downsizing of Letterman, the Emergency Medical Service (ambulance service) will be transferred to the Park Service. The complete transition and inactivation of Letterman's EMS is expected no later than July.

To contact an ambulance, Presidians will still call **561-5656.** When the paramedics arrive on scene, they will assess the situation and decide whether the individual's medical condition requires ambulatory transportation. If it does, Baystar Ambulance will be dispatched to perform the transport. The response time will still be as quick as it has been in the past.

Active duty members will not pay for the transportation. The cost of using ambulance service ranges from $700 to $2000. Under standard CHAMPUS, the patient will be required to pay 20 percent of that bill after the annual deductible is met. According to Wehry, the ambulance will not provide convenience transportation and CHAMPUS will not cost share ambulance cost when other transportation is more appropriate.

Further updates on the new Letterman Clinic will be published as they become available. For more information about services that are available, call the Patient Service Center at **561-4509.**

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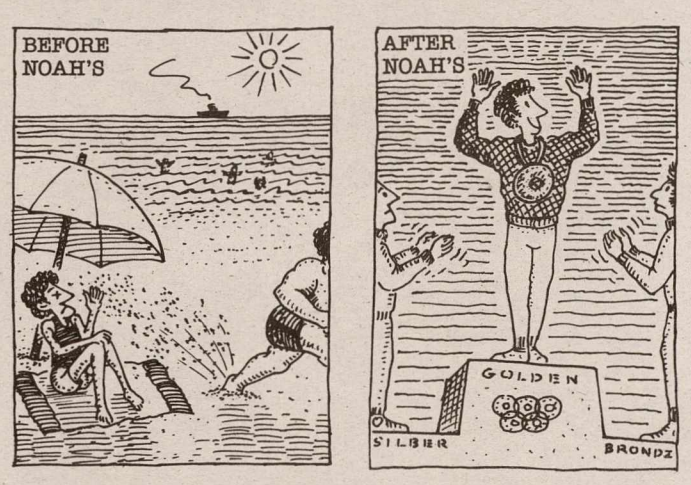

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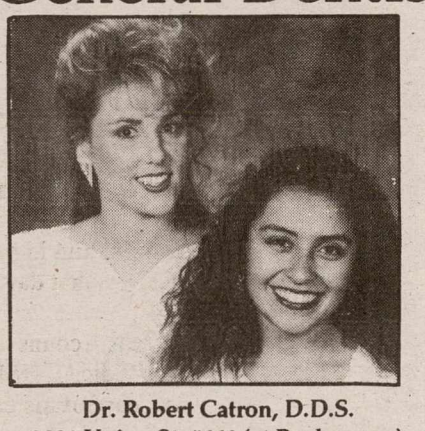

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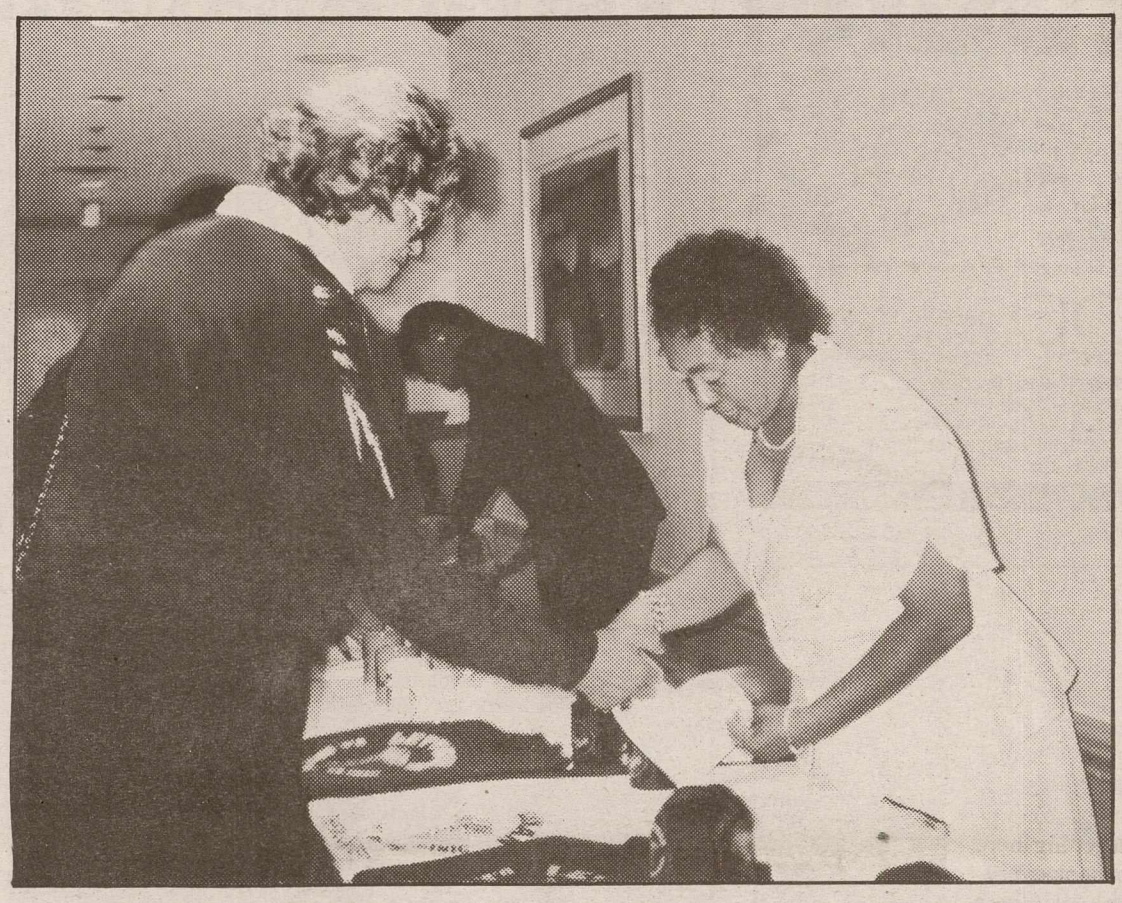


Story & Photos by Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

There were songs, poems and toasts to Jonathan Letterman. There were dining, dancing, laughter and maybe a few tears as well. Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic's "Final Chapter Extravaganza" saluted the former hospital's long and distinguished history and the people who helped close the facility with dignity and grace.

The elegant dinner dance took place at the Holiday Inn at Union Square, May 7. Current Letterman employees and "Letterman alumnae" gathered to pay tribute to what, for many, was a home away from home.

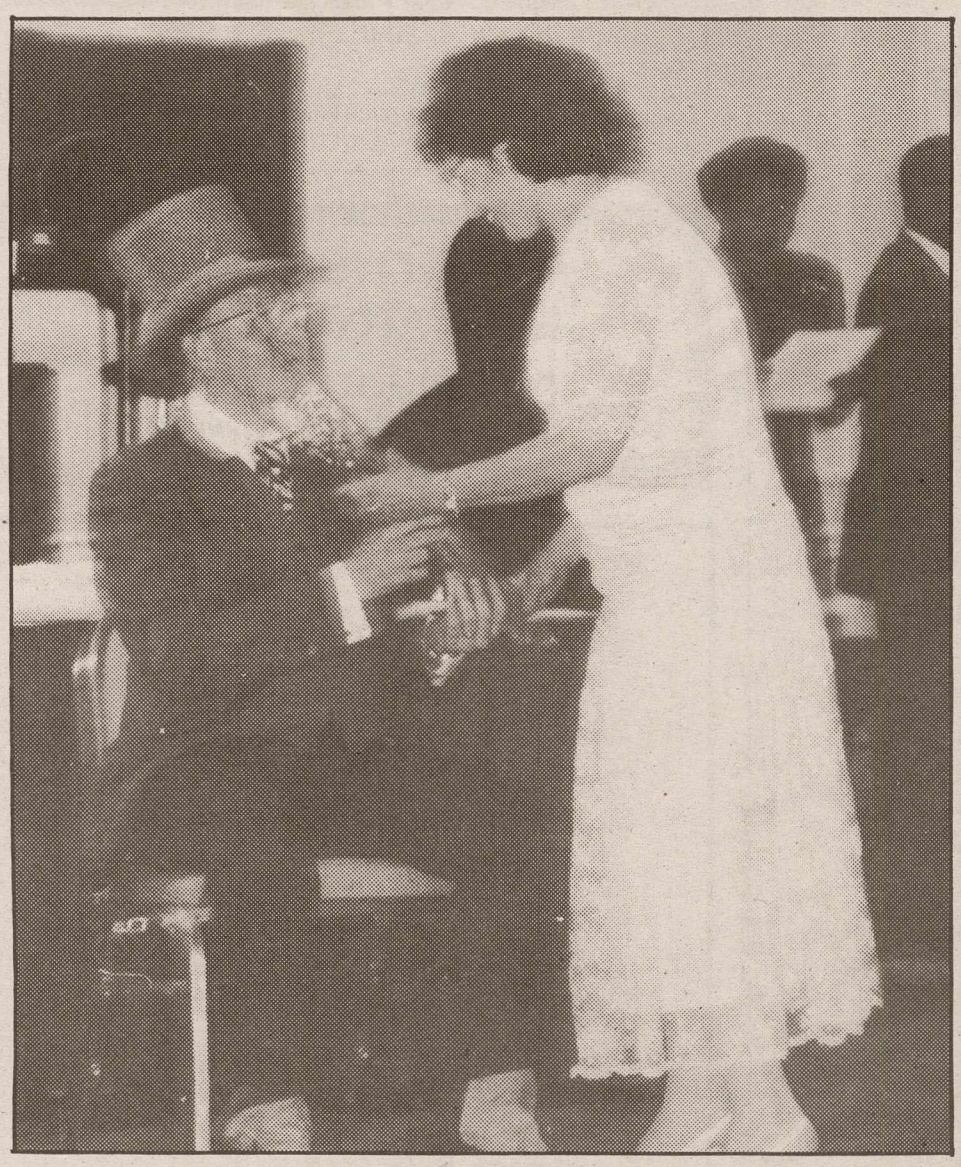
"What we have here is very special," said Col. Michael J. Brennan, LUSAHC commander. "You can create that again, anywhere you go, because you've worked at Letterman and know how it's done."

Brennan's remarks echoed the sentiments of many guests that evening, some of whom had worked at Letterman for their entire adult life.

Lt. Col. Kelley Roberson, LUSAHC's deputy commander for administration, served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Attired in elegant Victorian eveningwear, he paid tribute to the hospital's beginnings in the 19th century. Roberson also read a parody of "Paul Revere's Ride" which detailed Brennan's efforts to conduct the clinic's downsizing and closure.

Brennan, in return, led a choral group in a song about Roberson's Texas origins and his upcoming assignment to Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii.

Jonathan Letterman would have been proud of the people gathered to salute his namesake medical facility . . . and perhaps would have shed a few tears himself.



(Top, left) T-shirts and other Letterman memorabilia were popular sale items. (Above) Caroline Mucelli presents a "yellow rose of Texas" to Lt. Col. Kelley Roberson. (Right) Letterman retiree Ruth Callman trips the light fantastic with Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Darden.

Jump right out and count to four ...if my main don't open wide...

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

"Getting on the plane was no problem," said the paratrooper. "But when they said stand up, hook up, I thought, 'what am I doing up here?'"

Why jump from a perfectly good aircraft?

"It's a great feeling. There's nothing like it," said Cpl. Charles Green, strength management specialist, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. "You feel like you're weightless. It doesn't feel like you're going to the earth; it feels like it's coming to you."

Green graduated from Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga., April 15. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company soldier went through three weeks of tough training and completed five jumps before he earned his badge.

"I have the badge; now I want the patch," said the 5'6" muscle toned soldier. "I want to go to an Airborne unit. While I was at the school I felt different. There's a cameraderie between airborne soldiers. I want to be on jump status and serve with other paratroopers."

To be among the elite, an airborne soldier, it takes more than just a few weeks of training -- it takes guts.

"A lot of people dropped out when we went through the malfunctions training. The instructors were telling us what to do if our shoot didn't open, if there were holes in it bigger than our kevlar, what to do if someone takes your wind," Green explained. "A lot of people got scared when they realized things can go wrong."

The first week of training was the ground work -- what to do when exiting the aircraft and what to do when landing.

"Those are the two most critical aspects of jumping," Green said. "If you don't have a good forceful exit out of the aircraft, your parachute might not open, and if you don't keep a tight body and your knees and feet together on the landing, you could get hurt."

The second week was tower week. Soldiers had to jump from a 34-foot tower. They were hooked to a harness and basically slid down from a cable.

"You might think 34 feet isn't that high, but once you got on the tower and looked down, it was pretty far from the ground," Green remembered. "The tower was fun. It was almost like a ride at Disneyland. After you went down, you wanted to keep doing it."

Green then had to make his first jump, but it wasn't from an aircraft, it was from a 250-foot free fall tower. The chute was open when he jumped, but he still had to practice the five performance points: count to 4,000, check canopy, look out descent, prepare to land and land.

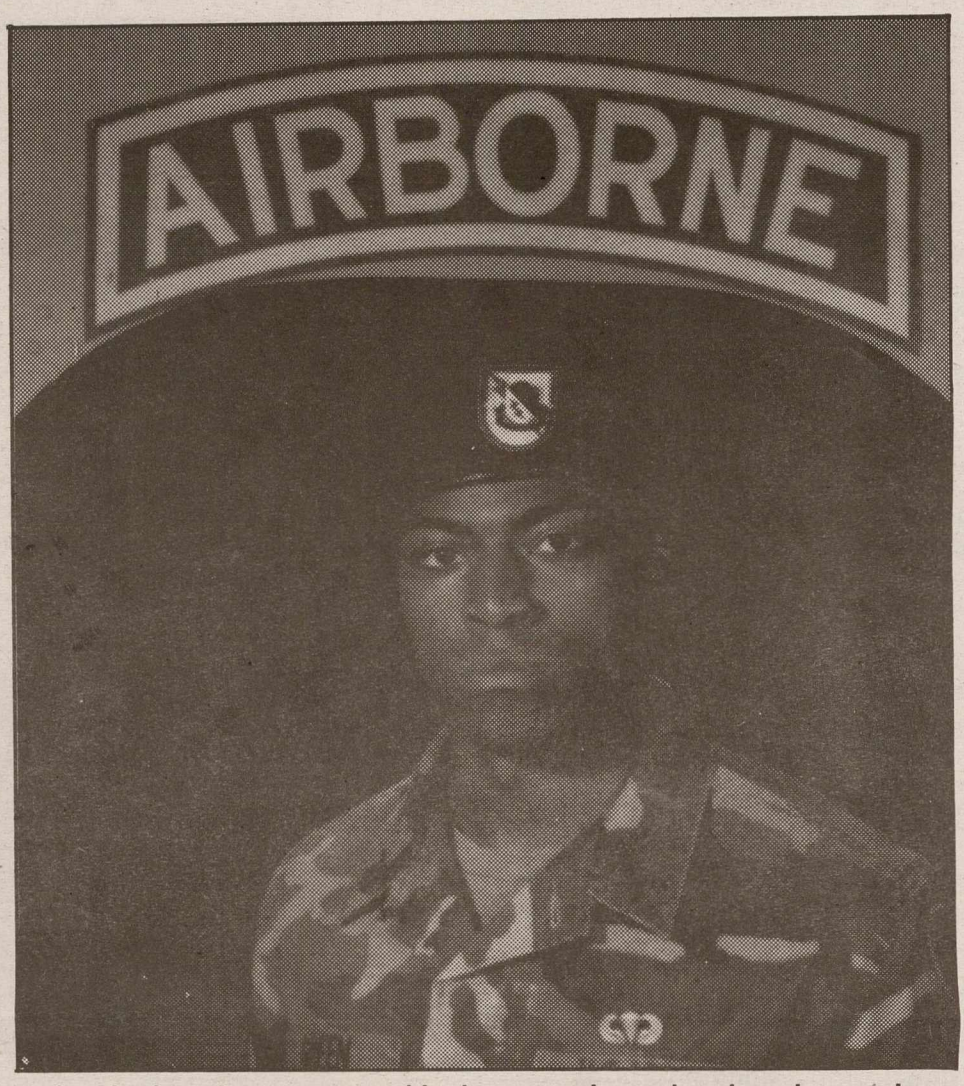
The third week was jump week. Green completed five jumps from an aircraft, one at night.

"It was scary. We were the first class to actually do the night jump within a year," Green said. "There was no light, so you didn't know what to expect. The unexpected is always a little scary. You think you can't see at all because it's dark, but you can see a little bit. It's just that the other parachutes look like dark spots."

It wasn't only tough completing the jumps and the Airborne training, but getting there was half the battle. "I want to thank everyone who helped me get to the school, Green said. "It meant a lot to go to the Airborne School and a lot of people helped me."

After pushing to get the school, Green had to push to make it through the training and the jumps. He admits that fear is always there, no matter when or how many jumps you do.

"On the first jump, I was afraid my chute wouldn't open. The second jump, I was afraid that after it opened something would go wrong, and on the third jump I was afraid someone would take my air," Green concluded. "The adrenaline is really flowing when you land, so you really don't feel it, but you'll be sore. You hit hard. I always keep in my mind though, there's a lot of paratroopers out there, and if they could make it, I can make it."



Cpl. Charles Green wears his beret and newly pinned on wings after completing Airborne School.

Pizza Pizza

Soldiers, families enjoy party

By Spc. Adrienne Story
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Sharon E. Everett-Roles

Each quarter, members of the Staff Medical Advisor's office enjoy a nutritious, delicious lunch--pizza.

Not only is it delicious, it's free. They recycle cans and buy pizza and soda with the money.

"We turned in 97 pounds of cans this time," said Maj. Mike Koplin, Staff Medical Advisors and Deputy Chief of Staff, special actions officer. "Members of the Staff Medical Advisor's office and the Joint Medical Regional Plans Office put in cans.

"We bring them from home and what we drink in the office," he added. "We then invite our spouses who are able to come in to have the pizza party."

With their most recent party, they received $77 for the cans they turned in. Three huge pizzas from Bono's (who throws in the soda) cost $51. "So we have money left over for the next party," Koplin said.

Koplin takes his aluminan cans to a recycling center at 16th and Rhode Island.

"We take the cans there, because we get more money per pound than at recycling bins at grocery stores," Koplin said. "It's really easy to do. I just put a bag in my office, and everyone either crushes their cans and puts them in the bag or leaves the cans on my desk and I crush them. Once you get people in the habit of doing it, it's easy to keep it going."

Koplin started the recycling for pizza program when he arrived here in 1990. He says it started out as a way to recycle aluminum, and then he realized pizza parties would serve as an incentive to get others involved.

"It's a way to get the staff together for lunch," he siad. "It's easy money. They would just be throwing away the cans anyway, so it doesn't cost anyone money out of their own pocket."

Koplin is now working two jobs. He's been the special actions officer at DCSPER for two months and has already begun the program there.

"I have some people involved in saving cans at DSCPER," Koplin said. "We haven't had a party yet because I've only been there two months, but I have bags in the office for cans and we're starting the ball rolling.

'It's a great idea for other sections to get involved in," he concluded. "It's a great and easy way to fund section lunches. And the pizza is always delicious."

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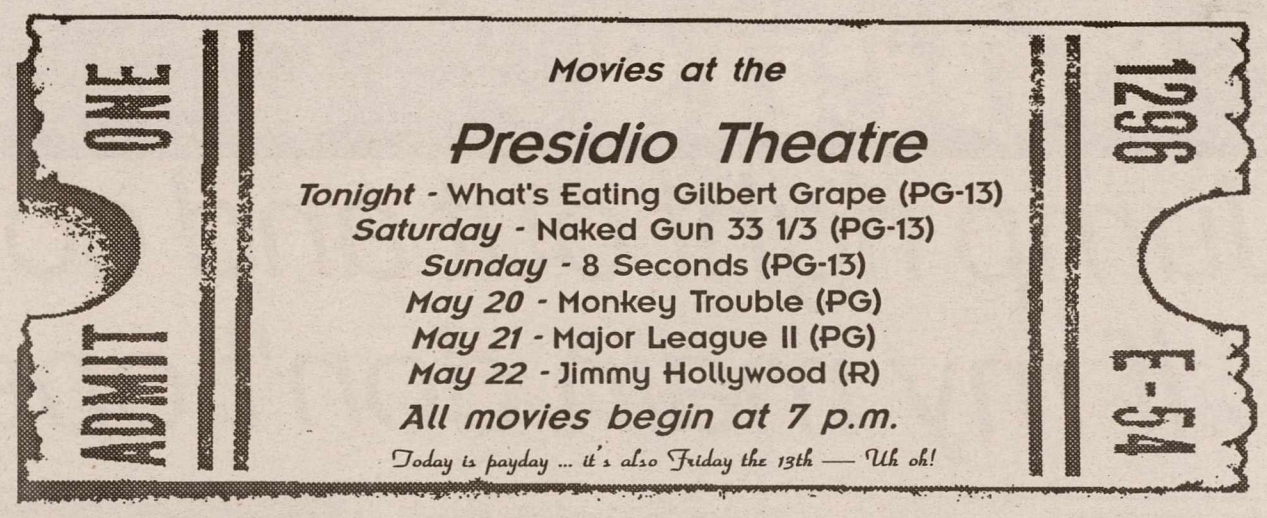
registration. Sponsors may register their guests not more than two weeks in advance for weekend PX visits. There will be no weekend registration. Sponsors will also certify their acknowledgment that their guests cannot make merchandise purchases.

Red Cross benefit

Join comedian Bob Sarlatte and the rhythm and blues band Pride & Joy at Ferry Plaza, May 22, for an afternoon of food, fun and wine tasting. This special event will benefit the programs and services of the American Red Cross Bay Area. For information or tickets, call Sue Samyn at **202-0797**.



Cash & Carry sale

The next Government Cash & Carry Sale is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 18, at DRMO Alameda, 2155 Mariner Square Loop, Bldg. 5, Alameda, Calif. Items to be sold include clothing, furniture, office supplies, hardware, electronic/electrical gear, and more. This is a cash only sale. Phone **(510) 869-8288** for information.

1st Cav reunion

The 1st Cavalry Division Association will host their 47th Annual Reunion in Orlando, Fla., during the week of August 10. Reunion headquarters will be in the Hyatt Orlando Hotel, in Kissimmee, Fla. The reunion begins with registration on August 10 at the Hyatt Orlando. A "Reunion Room," located in the hotel, is the gathering place for attending veterans. These veterans will span the history of the First Team from the days of the horse troopers, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Somalia, and active duty soldiers of today. In addition to association and chapter meetings, there will be a banquet and the traditional memorial service. Early registration by First Team veterans is encouraged. Registration forms can be obtained by writing to 1st Cavalry Division Association -- Reunion, 302 N. Main, Copperas Cove, Texas, 76522-1799, or calling **(817) 547-6537**.

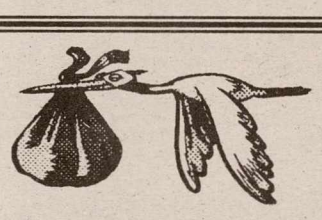
RIF notices coming

In January 1989, the Defense Base Closure Commission recommended that 87 military installations be closed or realigned in order to reduce defense spending. Unfortunately, included in those 87 installations was our beautiful Presidio of San Francisco. What many of us thought would never happen has finally come to pass. The Base Closure Initiative was passed and downsizing became a reality. This action has affected all of us!

During the week of May 16-20, we must all come to grips with that reality. This is the week that reduction-in-force notices will be issued to the U.S. Army Garrison work force. We cannot stress adequately how difficult this will be for all!

YMCA camp

YMCA Summer Day Camp will be offered for Presidio Youngsters, ages five through 12, with weekly sessions beginning June 20 and continuing through Sept. 2. The program will have a variety of fun and stimulating activities, including sports, games, arts and crafts, swimming, hiking and overnight camping. The program will be based on the Presidio at Robb Hill Campground. Registration is now being accepted. Enrollment is limited, so register now at the Richmond District YMCA, 360 18th Avenue. For information, call **668-2060**.



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Road repair, lead abatement programs continue throughout Presidio areas

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Bay Pacific Pipeline is continuing to backfill and landscape areas where work was completed on the water distribution system. Starting May 16 and continuing through June 17, they will be working in the Main Parade Field area. There are now water outages scheduled, however, traffic flow will be affected. Traffic will be restricted according to the following schedule:

May 16: Traffic restricted to "one way" on Arguello and Montgomery Street.

May 23: Traffic restricted to "one way" on Anza and Sheridan Street.

May 30: Traffic restricted to "one way" on Montgomery and Lincoln Blvd.

June 6: Traffic restricted to "one way" on Lincoln Blvd. and Girard Road.

June 13: Traffic restricted to "one way" on streets being cleaned and paved.

Signs will be posted and flagmen will help direct traffic as needed. If you have any questions, please call DPW Customer Relations at **561-3711**. We apologize for the inconvenience this work may cause and appreciate your patience during this improvement.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Presidio Water Treatment Plant are concerned about lead in your drinking water. Although most homes have very low levels of lead in their drinking water, some homes in this community have lead levels above the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.0015 milligrams of lead per liter of water (mg/L). Under Federal law, we are required to have a program in place to minimize lead in your drinking water by June 30, 1996.

The program includes:

-- corrosion control treatment (treating the water to make it less likely that lead will dissolve into the water).

-- source water treatment (removing any lead that is in the water at the time it leaves our treatment facility).

-- public education program.

We are also required to replace each lead service line that we control if the line contributes lead concentrations of more than 15 ppb after we have completed the comprehensive treatment program. If you have any questions about how we are carrying out the requirements of the lead regulation call the Environmental Office at **561-4067**.

Lead is a common metal found throughout the environment in lead-based paint, air, soil, household dust, food, certain types of pottery porcelain and pewter, and water. Lead can pose a significant risk to your health if too much of it enters your body.

Lead builds up in the body over many years and can cause damage to the brain, red blood cells, and kidneys. The greatest risk is to young children (especially under age 6), pregnant women, and their fetuses. Amounts of lead that won't hurt adults can slow down normal mental and physical development in the growing bodies of children. In addition, a child at play often comes into contact with sources of lead contamination -- like dirt and dust -- that rarely affect an adult. If a child puts dirty fingers into his mouth (as most children do), some lead may be absorbed into the child's system. It is important, therefore, to wash children's hands and toys often and to try to make sure they only put food in their mouths.

Lead in drinking water, although rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly the exposure of infants who drink baby formulas and concentrated juices that are mixed with water. EPA estimates that drinking water can make up to 20 percent or more of a person's total exposure to lead.

Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like rivers and lakes. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and household plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome plated brass faucets, and in some cases, pipes made of lead that connect your house to the water main (service lines).

In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2 percent lead, and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes, and other plumbing materials to 8.0 percent.

When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead in the pipes or solder may dissolve into your drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning, or later in the afternoon after you return from work or school, can contain fairly high levels of lead.

(Part II of this series on lead will appear in next week's Star Presidian.)

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Command Group wins bowling title

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Ed Pulanco bowled a 1,213 series to help Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army Command Group roll past Readiness Group-Presidio of San Francisco, 4,547-4,529 and capture the 1994 Post Bowling Championship. The Community Recreation Division placed third with 4,440.

Pulanco also had the high series scratch score of 599. Teammate Barbara Bagley led all women bowlers with 643 high series scratch.

"We bowled as a team and bowled to have fun," said Command Group bowler Morena Villanueva. "Whenever one bowler wasn't doing well the other team members rose to the occasion." Villanueva said that bowling for fun helped the team keep its winning attitude in perspective."

"I was happy to be with good, professional bowlers," said Command Group's Alex Calinagan. "They always lifted my spirits and encouraged me. We had a pretty good team."

The league champions consistently had members leading in one category or another throughout the season.

Other tournament notables included Forrest Holloway, Command Group, 230 and Milly Simmons, DOIM, 174 high game scratch scores; Gene Allen, CRD, 668 and Joyce Peterson, RG-PSF, 627 high series handicap scores; and John Peterson, Oddballs, 220 and Pat Jordan, INS Inc., 216, high game handicap scores.

Members of the Command Group championship team include Bagley, Calinagan, Holloway, Pulanco, Villanueva and Wayne Agness.

Championship standings and total pins

1. **Command Group** - 4,547
2. **Readiness Group-PSF** - 4,529
3. **Community Rec. Div.** - 4,440
4. **Islanders** - 4,416
5. **DOIM** - 4,335
6. **INS Inc.** - 4,322
7. **Highrollers** - 4,312
8. **Oddballs** - 4,242.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

The Presidio Intramural League and Championship Roll-off Champions include Sgt. 1st Class Morena Villanueva, Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness, Spc. Alex Calinagan, Barbara Bagley, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Forrest Holloway and Sgt. 1st Class Ed Pulanco.

Post's Organization Day set for June

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Sports Branch, community Recreation Division will conduct five events as part of the Presidio of San Francisco's Organization Day June 14.

All units and activities assigned to the Presidio are eligible to form a team. Awards will be presented to the top teams in each event.

The events will include a guidon relay, Basketball free throw contest, volleyball, potato sack race and the everpresent tug of war. Units and activities that want to participate should submit entry forms that are available at the Sports Branch Office, Building 63, prior to the organization day.

The rules for each event are fairly simple.

The guidon relay race will feature a one mile loop course. Five members per team will take turns carrying their unit's guidon from start to finish. The team whose fifth (final) runner crosses the finish line first wins the race.

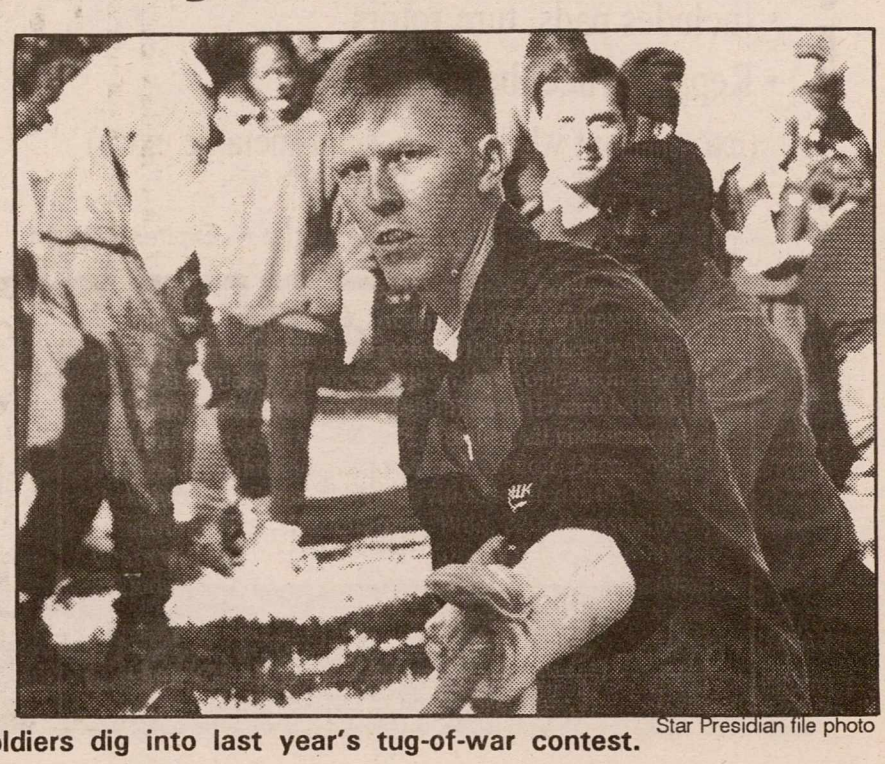
The potato sack relay will highlight four members per team. Each team will form a single line and each member will take turns running ten yards to a sack, getting in and hopping to the end of the course, running back to the ten-yard line and then the finish line, and touching a teammate.

The tug of war and volleyball teams will feature six members each. Volleyball will be conducted as a single elimineation tournament with teams playing two out of three games to 15 points.

Three-man teams will be used for the free-throw contest. Each contestant will get to shoot as many free throws as possible in two minutes.

The top two teams will receive awards in each event.

For more information, contact the Sports Branch's Bob Darling or Bobbie Gascon, at **561-4120** or **561-4131**.



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Soldiers dig into last year's tug-of-war contest.

Running, walking events

Bay to Breakers buses available for volunteers

Three 44-passenger buses will be available for Presidio Bay to Breakers volunteers and runners from 4 to 6:30 a.m. May 16 at the north end of the main parade ground parking lot across from the Post Office.

The buses for volunteers will depart at 4:30 a.m.

Human wall volunteers will be dropped off at Mission and Main streets. Draw Bridge volunteers will be dropped off at Mission and Beale streets. Buses will shuttle non-volunteer runners hourly to the start point from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

After the race, a bus will shuttle Presidio runners from 32nd and Balboa streets back to the Presidio from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jason Richards at **561-2355**.

Volunteers needed for seniors walkathon

Volunteers are needed for the YMCA of San Francisco Seniors' Walk, which will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday on the Marina Green.

Volunteers will be needed for two days, Wednesday and Thursday, to help prepare lunches and set the staging area.

This is an event to provide a fun, safe activity for seniors (60 years and older) which promotes their health and fitness and provides participants with a good lunch and beneficial information.

Twenty volunteers will be needed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday to help wrap lunches for the participants.

The next day, volunteers will be needed to work as course monitors, guide walkers, water servers, and food servers.

Volunteers will also be needed to set up and take down the stage, tables and other equipment, and to perform other miscellaneous assignments as needed.

The times for volunteers to work on Thursday will vary by assignment.

The event will include 1.5- mile and 3-mile courses. Seniors may preregister for $3, and non-seniors, friends and family members may preregister for $5. Event day registration begins at 10 a.m. and will be $5 for all.

For more information about volunteering, call Jane Holt, Senior Program, Central YMCA, at **885-0460**, ext. **279**. Those wishing to participate in the walk may call Central YMCA or one of the following numbers:

- Lloyd Licher, Marin YMCA, **492-9622**;
- Gloria Garcia, Mission YMCA, **586-6900**;
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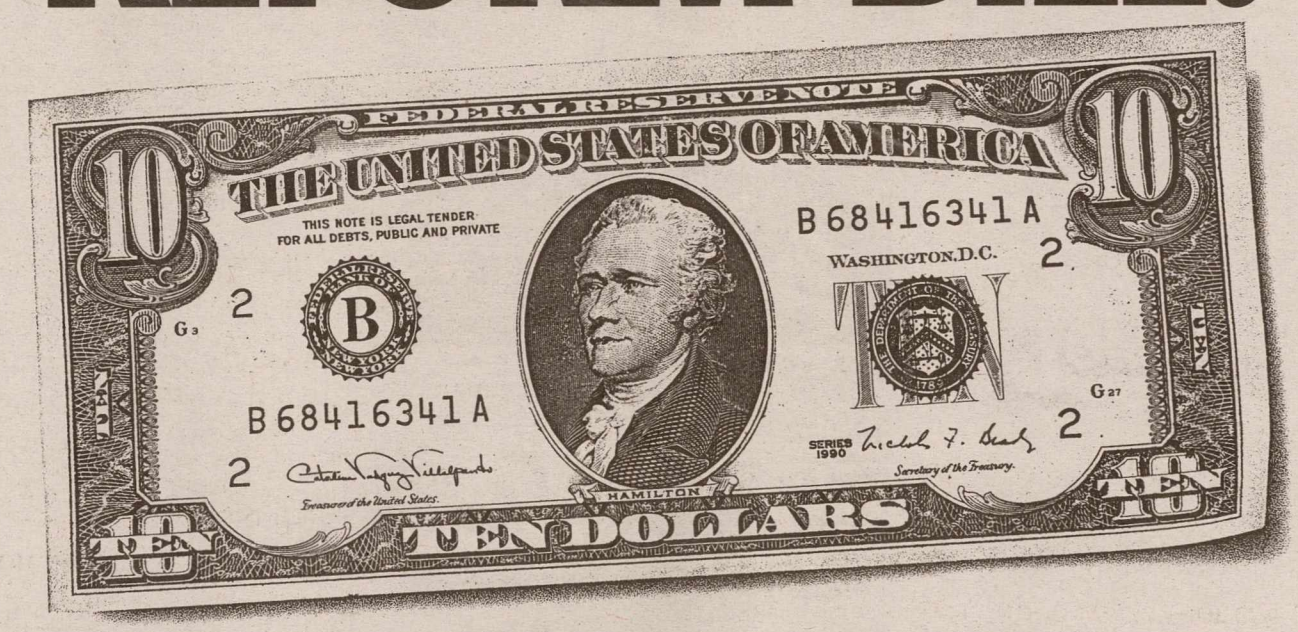

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Dancin' Dancin'

A Presidio youth performs a dance routine during the Youth Activities dance class held in Building 1331 at Fort Scott. There are several activities available for Presidio's youth through the activities center. See Page 8 for story and more photos.

RIF notices issued

Job search help available

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

If you are an employee of the Presidio U.S. Army Garrison (like me), you have undoubtedly received your Reduction-in-Force (RIF) letter by now. Not only do you have the whole gamut of emotions to deal with, but you also have this huge folder full of information that may help you find another Federal job.

One booklet describes the Priority Placement Program. That's been covered so many times and so many ways that you should probably know by now how it works.

However, there are a couple of programs described in your RIF information that you may never have heard about until now.

One of these is the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Interagency Placement Program. This program is similar to DoD's Priority Placement program in that it allows you to register for locations and positions in which you are interested. However, it differs in that placement resulting from IPP registrants is not mandatory.

"There are more placements through PPP," said Maria Gutsfeld, Civilian Personnel Office. "However, these are other avenues to pursue which might help you find another job."

According to the IPP information booklet, registrants in the IPP receive special consideration from agencies required to follow OPM's hiring procedures. This employment consideration occurs when a Federal agency wants to fill a vancancy from outside the Federal government by competitive appointment and uses an OPM inventory or an inventory maintained by an agency with delegated examining authority or direct-hire authority. Registrants will receive employment consideration ahead of applicants on the inventory. They will be referred for vacancies for which they qualify at or below the grade from which they were or are being separated.

Another way that IPP differs from PPP is the length of the eligibility period. You may remain in PPP for one year from the time of separation; the IPP allows you to remain on the program for up to two years, renewed in six-month increments.

The IPP booklet also explains how the program works. When an agency needs to fill a position from outside the Federal government, it must first consult the IPP. If the criteria for which you are registered matches that of the position the agency wants to fill, you will be referred to the atgency. The agency will then review your Qualifications Summary (included in the RIF packet) or contact you if additional information is needed. If you meet the qualification requirements of the position, including any specialized experience and specific position criteria, you may be selected for the position. If you do not meet the position's requirements, the agency (with OPM approval) may choose not to select you. In this case, you will remain in the program.

The IPP booklet has been included in your RIF packet. It explains all of the details of the program, and how to complete the qualifications summary.

Another pamphlet in your RIF packet describes the Defense Outplacement Referral System, or DORS. According to the pamphlet, DORS is a voluntary referral system to DoD activities, non-DoD Federal agencies, and the private sector. Under DORS you may decline offers and remain active in the program if registered for DORS only. However, if you are also registered in PPP and decline a valid DORS offer to a DoD activity you will be removed from PPP. This would not affect your DORS registration. The Civilian Personnel Office can tell you about options available through DORS and will assist you in registering.

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from the Commanding General

This week we are celebrating the 45th observation of Armed Forces Day. Rightfully, America takes this time to appreciate and thank the members of her military services for their selfless sense of duty and for the sacrifices they make to defend her.

I would like to add my personal sense of appreciation and thanks to every member of Sixth United States Army and the Presidio of San Francisco for your continued good work and unwavering dedication. During these times of stress and challenge, you have never faltered in your duty or in your pledge to serve and protect your nation.

Every member of our Presidio "family" can take a great deal of justifiable pride in what we have accomplished. You have added to the legacy of being a good neighbor to the civilian communities that surround us, as well as to the legacy of representing all that is good about America.

You bring pride to our Army, to our uniform and to our nation. It is an honor to serve with you.

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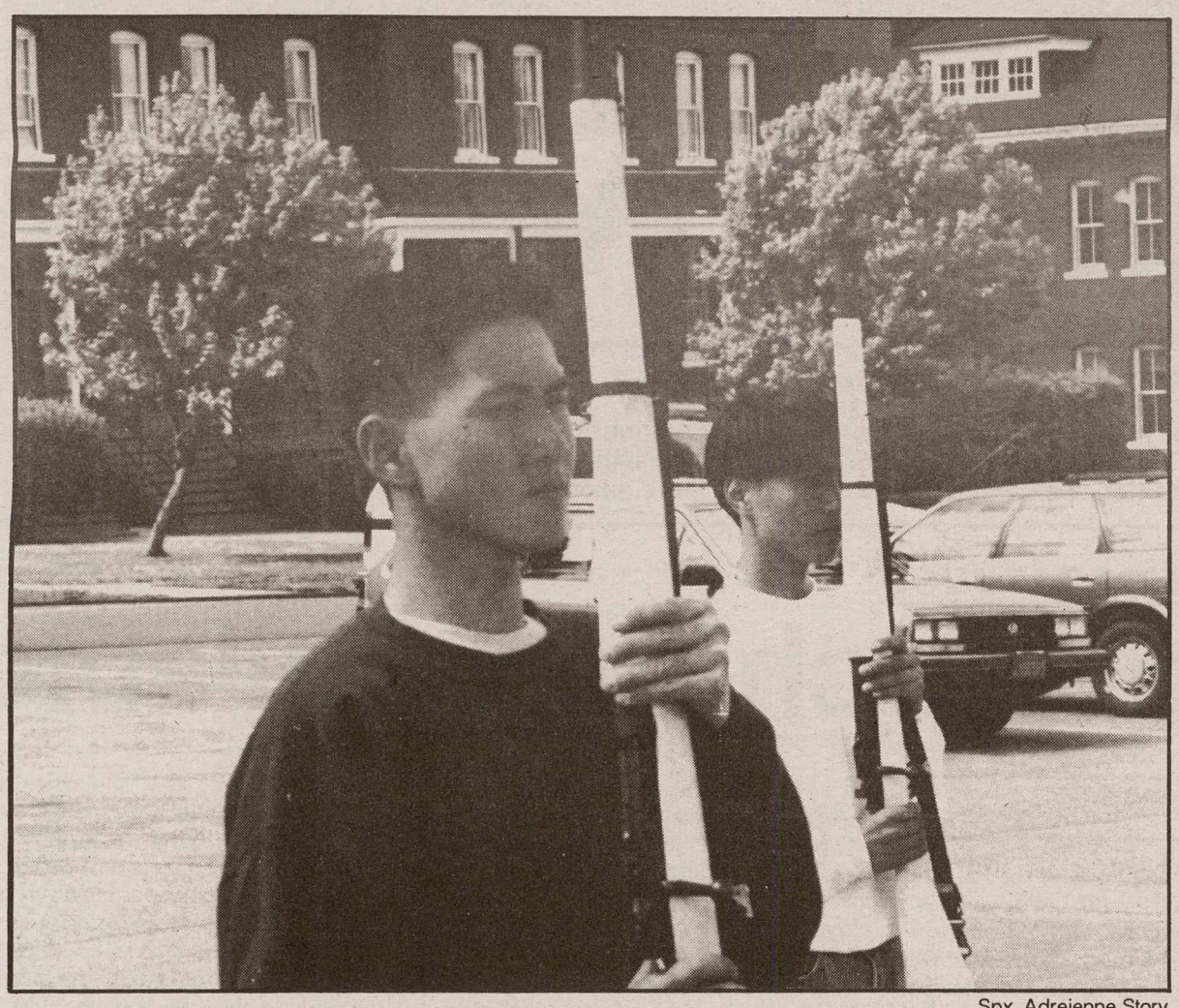
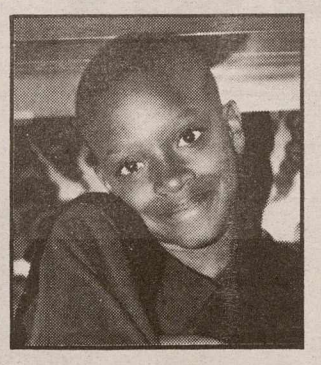


Spx. Adreienne Story

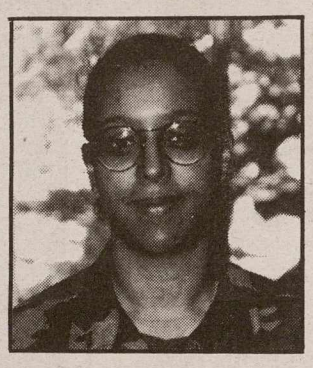
Junior RTOC cadets from the San Francisco Unified School District practice in the parking lot adjacent to the red brick buildings for tomorrows' Spring Review and Drill Competition hosted by the Fourth ROTC Region Junior Instructor Group. The competition will be held at the Main Parade Field parking lot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ask Presidians

If you could have one wish come true, what would it be?



Marcus Simmons, family member: "Go see Michael Jordan slam and break the backboard."



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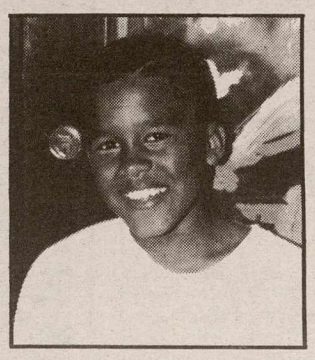

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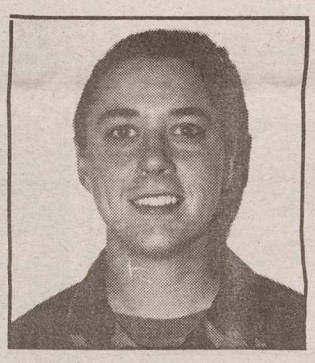

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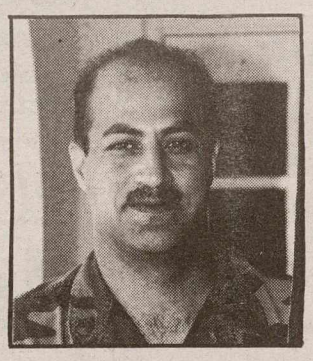

Staff Sgt. Aubrey Cousins, Training NCO, Deputy Chief of Staff for Training: "I'd win the lottery and be with my family."

Natasha Simmons, family member: "I want money and to be a lawyer."

By Spc. Adrienne Story

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Immigration and Naturalization wants departing troops to be border guards

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
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The Immigration and Naturalization Service wants departing service members for duty as Border Patrol agents along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The service recently completed visits to several military installations worldwide, recruiting members ending their military service. It hopes to hire 450 people by October.

Douglas Kruhm, acting chief of the U.S. Border Patrol, said the similarities between military life and that of a federal law enforcement officer help recruiting. "We've had a lot of good experiences with military personnel who have come into the Border Patrol," said Kruhm. "They respect the chain of command, and they understand how to handle themselves in difficult situations."

New agents initially patrol points on the U.S. southern border with Mexico, enforcing U.S. immigration laws.

Agents deter illegal aliens from entering the United States, arrest illegal aliens and narcotics smugglers and perform other border duties.

Border agents patrol on foot, horseback, in all-terrain and four-wheel-drive vehicles and in helicopters. All modes are necessary to stop aliens from illegally entering the country.

Kruhm said residents of 84 different countries attempt illegal entry annually, ranging from refugees to organized smugglers. With 70 border officers killed on duty during the Border Patrol's history, the job also can be dangerous. He said injuries do occur, and applicants know the dangers involved. Yet Kruhm also promoted the patrol's advantages.

"This is difficult and a challenging job," he said. "It has a lot of opportunity for people to enter the federal government to get involved in a law enforcement career. There are opportunities to advance, where you can move into management or supervisory positions."

Border Patrol candidates initially report to their duty locations. Colleagues brief each candidate on the area, responsibilities and what to expect once they complete training.

The candidate then attends an 18-week training course at the Border Patrol Academy, part of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga.

Subjects taught include law, human rights, Spanish language, shooting ability, arrest techniques, pursuit driving and physical fitness.

The training phase doesn't end in Georgia; it continues in agents' border duty. For the next 10 months, agents go through on-the-job training, learning the daily routine while training for different situations.

"Training is essential. It's critical to this job," said Kruhm. He said border responsibilities range from handling immigrant families looking for a better lifestyle to aliens seeking political asylum. Agents also have to deal with quick change. Kruhm said they may be processing illegal immigrants one minute -- armed smugglers the next.

"A person has to be able to toggle back and forth between those situations," said Kruhm. "That is the challenge of being a border patrolman."

After six-and-a-half months, new agents taken an oral and written examination on law and Spanish language. It's preliminary to a more extensive test 15 weeks later. The test at 10 months covers border duty aspects and Spanish. Formal training ends at 10 months, but agents continue training throughout their careers.

Because the Border Patrol is a mobile force, Kruhm said, agents get travel opportunities.

These occur as extended details to other U.S. border sites. He added that once agents get established and experienced, they may compete for jobs in other locations.

To qualify for Border Patrol duty, applicants must be American citizens, under age 37 and in good physical condition. Border Patrol representatives interview each candidate and test them on law enforcement knowledge and language aptitude. Candidates must also clear a background investigation.

Service members interested in applying may contact their local transition assistance office.

Job announcements are available on DoD's Electronic Transition Bulletin Board and the Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS). Call the Presidio Outplacement Office at **561-2430** to set up an appointment to use DORS.

Members may also write to:
Immigration and Naturalization Service
INS/BPSEU
425 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20536.

Outplacement Center offers vacancy information

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here is the latest series of vacancies available through the Presidio's Outplacement Office. Call **561-2430** for applications or information.

Civilian Personnel Office, Fort Lewis, Wash.: Family Program Coordinator (Vancouver, Wash.).

Department of Veterans' Affairs: Mail Clerk, General Engineer, Contract Specialist.

Navy Public Works Center: Decedent Affairs Assistant (Typing), Social Worker.

Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.: Environmental Engineer (Bridgeport, Calif.).

U.S. Department of Energy: Employee Development Specialist (Las Vegas, Nevada).

University of California: Automotive Equipment Operator.

NASA-Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.: Civilian Pay Technician (OA), Teller (OA), Accounting Technician (OA).

George Air Force Base, Calif.: Procurement Technician (OA).

Norton Air Force Base, Calif.: Property Assistant (OA).

U.S. Coast Guard, Petaluma, Calif.: Educational Technician.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers: Contract Funds Assistant.

20th Support Group, Directorate of Engineering & Housing, Housing Division, Taegu, Korea: Supervisory General Supply Specialist.

170th Theater Finance Command, Centralized Pay and Accounting Management Division: Financial Operations Specialist.

U.S. Army Contracting Command Korea, Contract Operations Division, Service Branch, Seoul, Korea: Contract Specialist.

National Park Week activities planned as part of celebration of national parks

President Clinton has declared May 22-28 National Park Week. As part of the celebration of America's national parks, this is a week dedicated to renewing the values of national parks, a time in which national parks will focus on models of sensitive environmental management and sustainable design, and a time national parks will look at extending protection through ecosystem management.

Everyone is encouraged during National Park Week to come out to visit the Bay Area's national parks, including Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the world's largest urban national park.

There have been several events and activities planned to help celebrate America's national parks.

Some of the planned GGNRA activities during National Park Week include:

-- **Celebrate the Senses -- Taste and Smell, Spice Mandalas**, 1 - 3 p.m., Sunday, at the Bay Area Discovery Museum, Building 557, East Fort Baker. Call **289-7266** for information.

-- **Easy Riding on the Sunset Trail**, Sunday. Reservations are required; call **556-8371**.

-- **Young Performers Theatre -- Tales from Peter Rabbit**, shows at 1 and 3 p.m., Sunday, at Building C, Fort Mason Center.

-- **Buckets, Bullets, Brass, and a Banquette**, 3-3:30 p.m., Sunday. Meet a ranger in the guard room just inside Fort Point. Call **556-0865** for information.

-- **Wedding Cake -- A True Confection**, 1 - 4 p.m., Sunday, at the Headlands Center for the Arts, Building 944, Fort Barry, Marin Headlands. Reservations are required; phone **331-2787**.

-- **Rock Around the Headlands**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday. Meet Ranger Bob Cheung at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Call **331-1540** for reservations.

-- **Coastal Defense Hike**, 2 - 4 p.m., Sunday. Meet a park ranger at the Battery East parking lot above Fort Point along Lincoln Boulevard. Call **556-8371** for information.

-- **Habitat Restoration Team**, Sunday. Call the Habitat Hotline at **556-4353** for information on where to meet.

-- **Wee Wednesdays**, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., May 25, at the Bay Area Discovery Museum. Call **289-7266** for information.

-- **Wednesdays for the Birds**, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., May 25, at the Bay Area Discovery Museum.

-- **Tours for Tadpoles**, 10:10 - 11:30 a.m., May 26, at the Bay Area Discovery Museum. Call **289-7266** for information.

-- **Friday Night! -- Singer Gary Lapow** will perform two shows, one at 6:30 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m., May 27 at the Bay Area Discovery Museum. Call **289-7266** for advance tickets.

-- **Frolicking Fridays**, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., May 27, at the Bay Area Discovery Museum.

-- **Beach Party Campfire**, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., May 27. Meet at Lincoln Way and the Great High Way, Ocean Beach. Call **556-8371** for information.

-- **Fort Mason Center Tour**, 11 a.m., May 28. Meet at the Fort Mason Center Offices, Building A. Call **441-5706** for reservations.

-- **In Performance at the Cowell Theater: Aerialist Susan Murphy, Jazz Singer Rhiannon and Pianist Dick Hyman**, 8 p.m., May 28 at the Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center. Call **392-4400** for tickets.

-- **Pier Crabbing**, 10 a.m. to noon, May 28. Meet a park ranger at the Fort Point Fishing Pier. Call **556-0865** for reservations and information.

-- **San Francisco Bay History Walk**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., May 28. Meet local history buff Mike Heiner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Call **331-1540** for reservations.

-- **Low-tide Family Overnight**, 2 p.m. May 28 to noon May 29, at Slide Ranch, two miles north of Muir Beach on Highway One. Call **381-6155** for reservations.

For further information on activities within GGNRA during National Park Week, call the National Park Service Western Region Information Office at **556-0560**.

(GGNRA press release)

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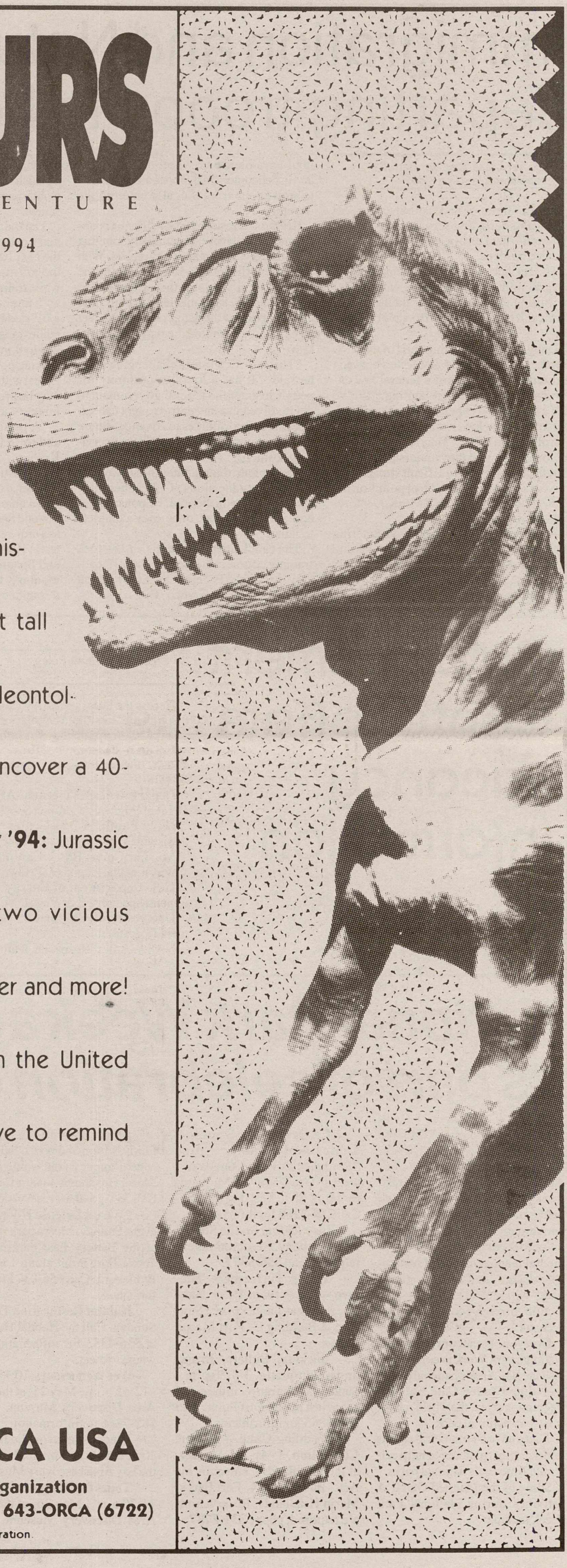

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State Primary dates

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Alabama, June 7; **Colorado**, Aug. 9; **Georgia**, July 19; **Idaho**, May 24; **Kansas**, Aug. 2; **Maine**, June 14; **Michigan**, Aug. 2; **Mississippi**, June 7; **Montana**, June 7; **New Jersey**, June 7; **South Carolina**, Aug. 9; **Tennessee**, Aug. 4.

Commissary closure

In observance of Memorial Day, the Presidio Commissary will be closed May 31.

PX visitor policy

Beginning June 1, a new PX visitors policy will be implemented. The purpose for this change is to prevent abuse of a privilege that is extended to authorized patrons (ID card holders). The new policy allows only immediate family members (parents and siblings) of ID card holders as authorized visitors to the PX. Further, all visitors must be registered through the Services Division, Director of Personnel and Community Activities, located in the basement of Garrison headquarters, Bldg. 220. Registration hours will be 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Guest passes will be issued during the registration. Sponsors may register their guests not more than two weeks in advance for weekend PX visits. There will be no weekend registration. Sponsors will also certify their acknowledgment that their guests cannot make merchandise purchases.

Post shuttle terminates

Due to the base closure and transfer of function over to Fort Lewis at the end of June, the Garrison must terminate the GSA fleet. The last post shuttle bus will be run June 10.

Pen pals wanted

Pen pals are wanted for hospitalized veterans. If you would like to write to a veteran, send your name and address to Ken Kebow, Help Hospitalized Veterans, 2065 Kurtz Street, San Diego, Calif., 92110-2092.

AAFES holiday hours

AAFES facilities will operate on the following schedule May 30: **Main store**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **Furniture Store**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **Burger King**, closed; **Service Station**, closed; **Service Station bays**, closed; **Shoppette**, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; **Anthony's Pizza/Frank's Franks**, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **Mall**, closed.

PRAXIS testing

The specialty exams of the PRAXIS series (formerly National Teacher Examinations) will be given at the Presidio Education Center, Building 1216, July 12. Interested Presidians must order the test by June 7 during an in-person counseling interview at the Education Center. For information, phone **561-2974/4445**.

Normandy requiem

The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy will be observed at 7 p.m., June 5, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street. The Sixth U.S. Army Band, conducted by CW3 Orville Gannon, will play during the display of flags by U.S. and Allied Veterans. This observance also marks the California premiere of "An American Requiem" by James DeMars. This is the first requiem ever composed in the history of U.S. Music. The requiem will be performed by the Classic Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Laurence Kohl, with a special Requiem Chorus composed of the Bay Area's finest choral ensembles conducted by Suzanne Swerdlow. For information or reservations, call **584-2032**. Proceeds will benefit veterans' associations and other Bay Area charities.

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Soldiers magazine photo contest

Help *Soldiers* celebrate the Army's 219th birthday by photographing what's happening on your Army installation June 14. Amateur and professional, civilian and military photographers are asked to record that day of Army life to support "This is Our Army," a 32-page photo feature to appear in *Soldiers'* December 1994 issue.

We need photos that tell a story and capture the faces of soldiers, families and Department of the Army civilians. We're looking for imagination and creativity -- obviously posed shots will be screened out. Shoot what is unique to your installation, something you may see every day but which others may never get the opportunity to see. We're looking for the best photos from the field, for a worldwide representation of what makes the Army what it is.

Here are some basic rules to keep in mind. Photos must be shot in the 24-hour period of June 14. Submit processed color slides, or 5x7 or 8x10 black and white prints. Photos should be printed for magazine quality. Newspaper photojournalists often print photos lighter and with less contrast.

Submissions **will not** be used without complete photo credits and cutlines. Include the full name, rank and service, as applicable, of the photographer; names of identifiable people in the photo; details of what's happening in the photo; and location of the photo. Cutlines must be attached individually to the photo or slide and the photos must be processed and received by *Soldiers* by August 31. Photos and accompanying information **will not** be returned.

Our address is: *Soldiers*, 9325 Gunston Road, Suite S108, Fort Belvoir, Va., 22060-5581. If you have any questions, you may address them to Staff Sgt. Larry Lane or Staff Sgt. Doug Ide at **(703) 806-4504**.

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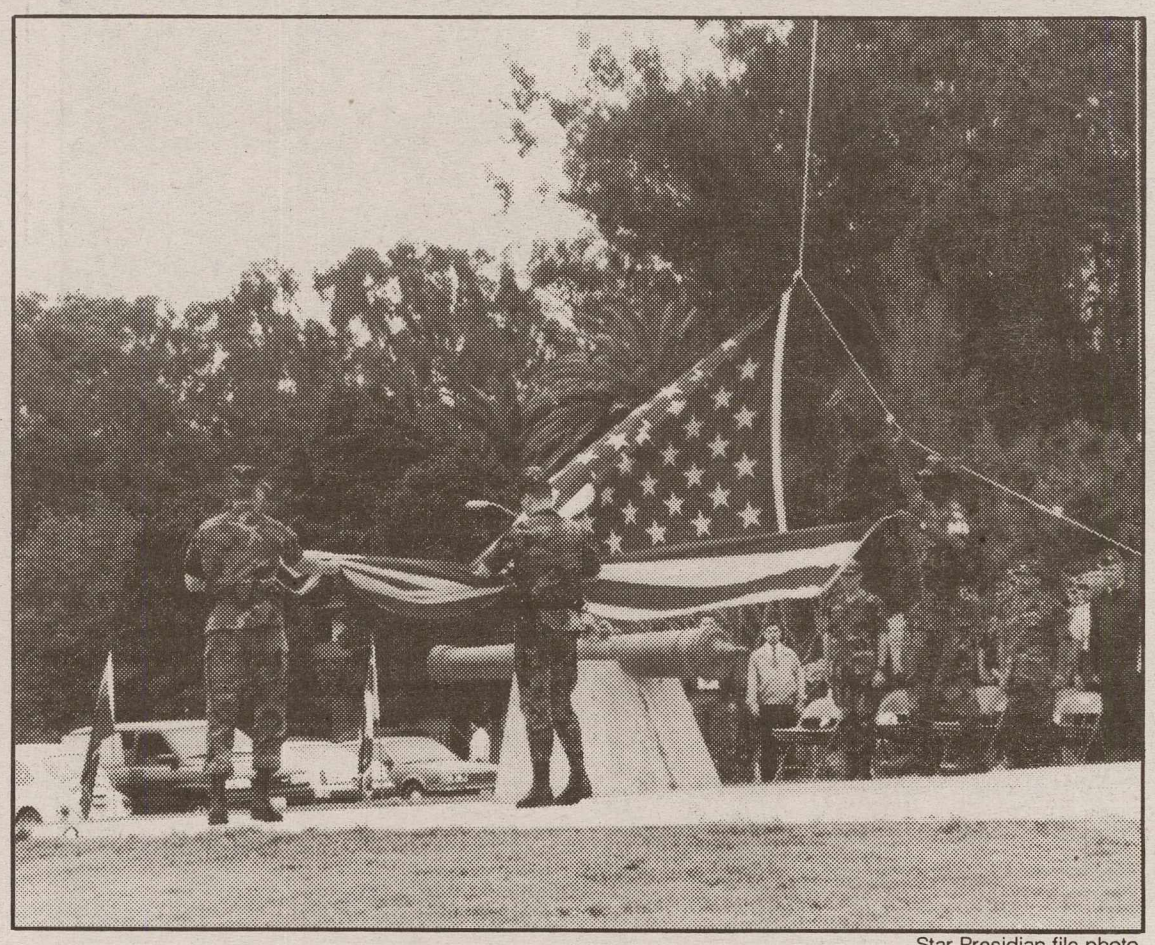

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Public Works honored by Park Service

In recognition of Historic Preservation Week in California, May 8-14, Governor Pete Wilson especially commended 12 organizations for eight projects, for their special efforts to help protect our state's heritage and for projects that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation.

Mrs. Gayle Wilson, representing Governor Wilson, presented the 1994 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards during a May 18 ceremony in the ballroom of the Stanford Home in Sacramento.

The groups honored were the Directorate of Public Works, Department of the Army, Presidio of San Francisco; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Planning Division/Environmental Resources Branch; Mission San Gabriel Arcangel; Nature Conservancy; Santa Cruz Archaeological Society; City of Claremont; Carmel Heritage; Clint Eastwood; Caltrans, District 2; Caltrans, Division of Structures, Sacramento; Caltrans, Environmental Division, Sacramento; and California Preservation Foundation.

The Directorate of Public Works, Department of the Army, Presidio of San Francisco, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Planning Division/Environmental Resources Branch were honored for efforts to develop and implement an historic preservation program at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Mission San Gabriel Arcangel was honored for restoration and reopening of Mission San Gabriel Arcangel following its six-year long closure resulting from damages sustained in the Whittier Narrows Earthquake of 1987.

Nature Conservancy was cited in acknowledgement of efforts to preserve and protect the environmental settings of the historic ranches on Santa Cruz Island, along with numerous Chumash archaeological sites.

Santa Cruz Archaeological Society was acknowledged for their active involvement and promotion of archaeological preservation in the Santa Cruz area.

The City of Claremont was honored for its accomplishments in acquiring and restoring the abandoned Santa Fe Depot as a multi-modal transportation facility.

Carmel Heritage and Clint Eastwood were saluted for their exceptional contributions to the preservation of the historic Mission Ranch.

Caltrans, District 2; Caltrans, Division of Structures, Sacramento; and Caltrans, Environmental Division, Sacramento were cited for successful accomplishment in rehabilitating and strengthening six noteworthy historic bridges in the Feather River Highway National Register District.

California Preservation Foundation received kudos for their long-term commitment to advocacy and education for the protection of California's historically built environment.

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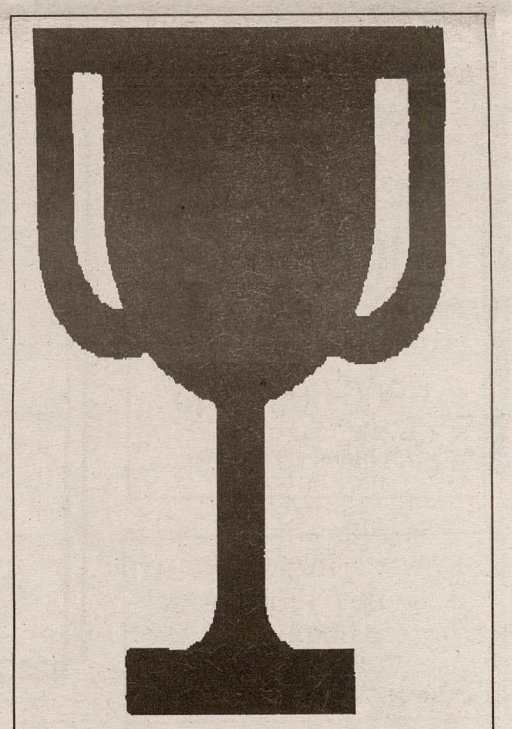

'Safe Boating Week' classes available

Many active military and reservists are taking up the sport of sailing. In cooperation with boaters and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, a civilian component of the Coast Guard helping pleasure boaters enjoy their sport safely, executive branches of government from the Oval Office to City Hall have declared June 5-11 as Safe Boating Week.

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan says in his proclamation of Safe Boating Week that he encourages Bay Area pleasure boaters to "boat smart, boat safe, boat sober."

Nearly 70 million people will go boating this year, and about 900 will die in boating accidents, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. That may not seem like many, but it is more than the number of fatalities in airline accidents, rail accidents, and commercial shipping accidents.

Safe Boating Week is designed to increase awareness of boating safety on San Francisco Bay and other waterways.

Safe Boating Week is led nationally by the National Safe Boating Council, among whose sponsors are the American Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, the United States Coast Guard and Auxiliary, Underwriters Laboratories Inc., and various public and private service organizations, government agencies and corporate partners. Among local sponsors are the volunteers of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11, perhaps the oldest Auxiliary "chapter" in the country.

Flotilla 11's charter is to carry out the Auxiliary's goals of public education through community safe boating and sailing classes, voluntary boat inspections for San Francisco Bay boaters, and aiding the Coast Guard with safety patrols, search and rescue operations, and Bay protection programs.

Local proclamations encouraging boaters to "boat sober" are especially relevant in these times when public and private agencies have made progress in reducing drunk drivers on our highways.

When they're out boating, people face natural risks, such as wind, waves and navigational hazards, over which the boater has little control. But the biggest hazard is one the boater can control -- drinking while boating.

Most people who die in boating accidents fall out of boats or capsize boats and end up in the water. Once in the water, even able swimmers lose coordination and can drown.

Alcohol affects a person's balance. A moment of dizziness or a misstep may not cause harm on the patio or in a restaurant, but it can spell disaster on a boat.

A small boat is unstable in the best of conditions. Entering or leaving it or moving around in it is hazardous even for a sober, agile person, according to the Safe Boating Council. People seldom notice problems with their balancing ability after a drink or two, but it could lead to serious problems on a small, tippy boat.

Just as designated drivers make our roads safer, each boat should have a designated driver to make boating safer, the Council said.

For information about safe boating or boating classes, contact U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11 at **561-03312** or the National Safe Boating Council, Inc., at **(606) 278-6148**.

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Youth Activities Center

Good clean fun, fun, fun

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story
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They run around, play pool, video games, ping pong, eat hot dogs, talk to their friends about their day and sometimes yell, but it's all in good, clean fun.

"It's what I call controlled chaos," said Bill Boehm referring to the Youth Activities Center. "The center is part of the community. It gives the kids a place to belong and a place to hang out and be with their friends. It basically keeps them off the street."

The Youth Activities Center is open to all Presidio youths, children of civilian and military employees. It's open Monday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The teen center, which s open to teenagers, is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Beginning in June the center will be open Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. as part of the latch key program.

There are also several activities available through the center: baseball, swim team, bowling league, karate and dance classes, T-ball, computer and art classes and the teen council holds dances.

"We offer activities for children to help them learn and be competitive and interact with other kids," Boehm said. "Even just coming to the center and playing video games teaches the kids how to be social with others.

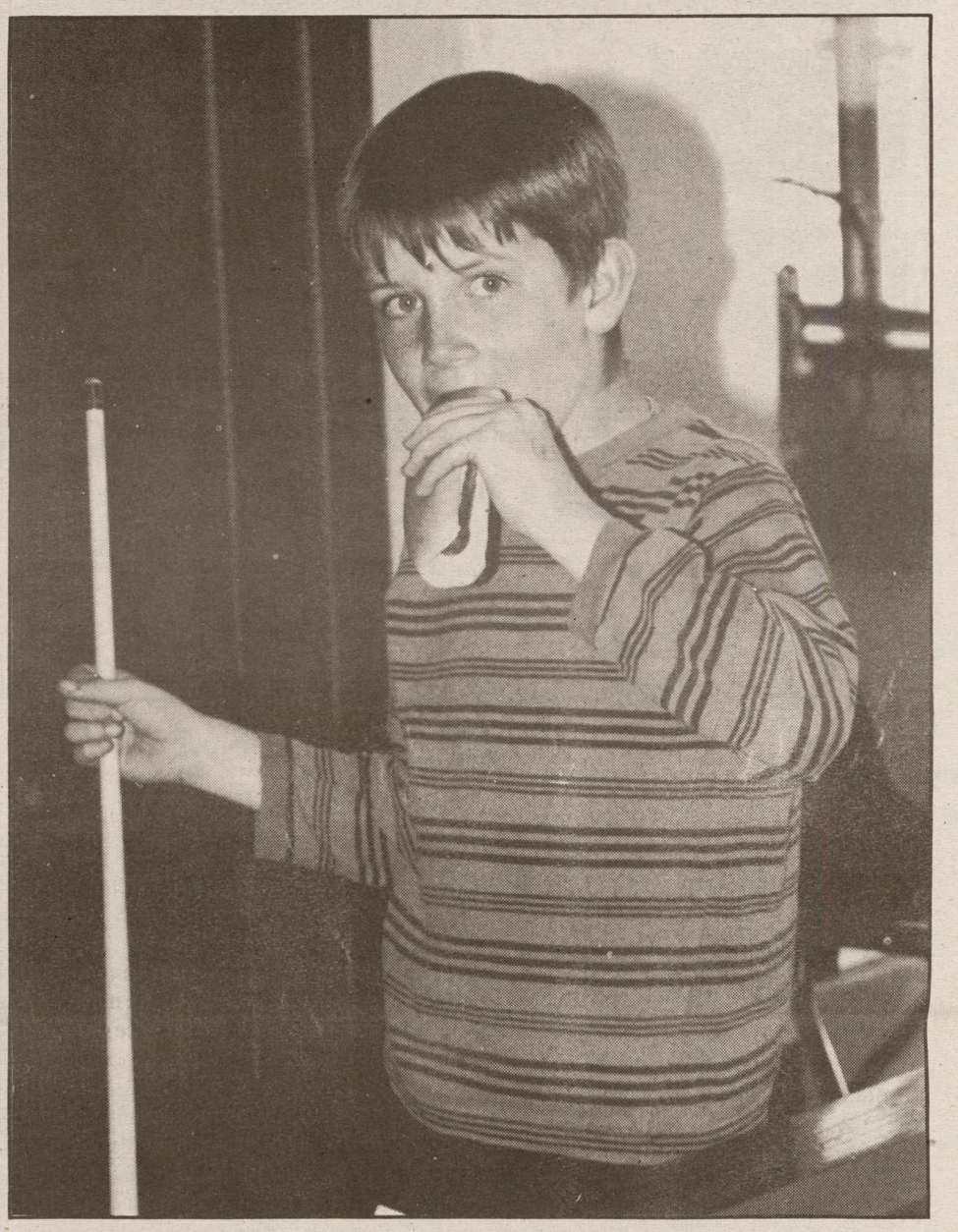
"There's a lot to do and the kids are happy to be here," Boehm continued. "We have between 20 and 40 kids come in per day. Sometimes we have trouble with discipline and some kids, but we just talk to them. This is not a babysitting service and if there is a problem we call the kids' parents and have them come to pick them up. There is no fighting, foul language or any substances such as tobacco allowed here. It's a fun place, but it's also a place parents can feel their kids are safe."

Boehm and three recreational aides are at the center. Not one child can enter the center until there are at least two adults present. There are 35 volunteers who will come in when needed.

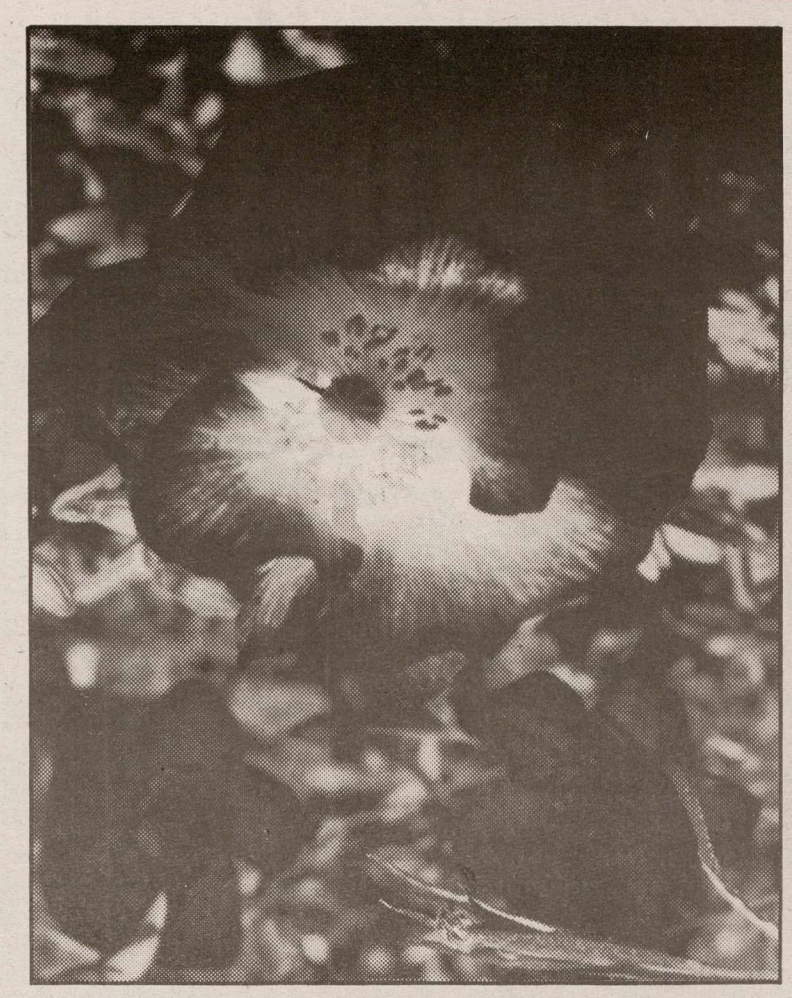
"I have to have a lot of confidence in the program because I put the programs together," said Boehm who brings his two kids to the center. "We started with nothing but an empty building. We've made a lot of changes."

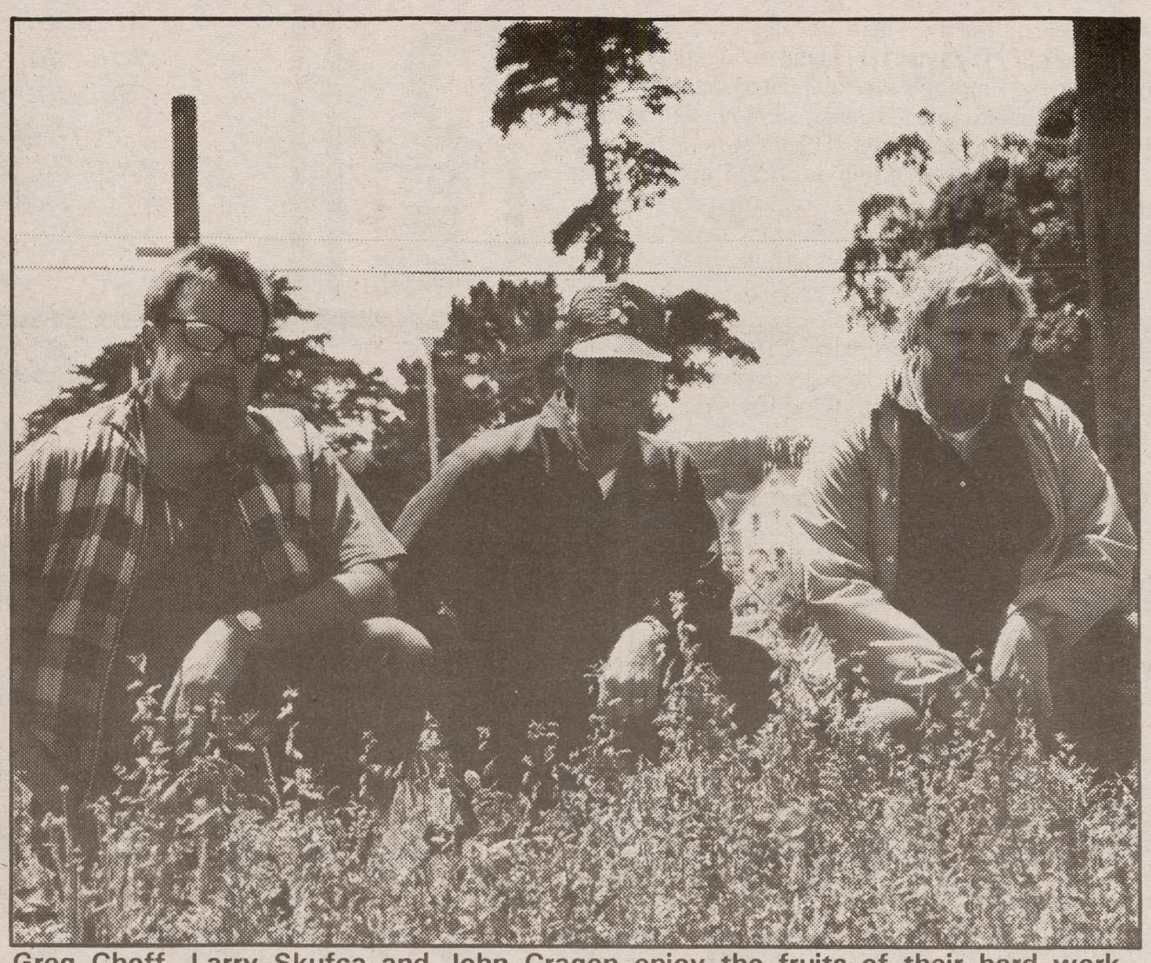
Boehm has a lot of experience with planning programs for kids. Before becoming the youth program manager he worked with the YMCA as the adventure director. "I was a director and counselor and had to come up with something every day for my group of kids, so I have a lot of experience.

"This program is vital to the community," he concluded. "I hope they continue this after the Presidio changes over. I hope they keep the youth activities going strong."



(Above) A Presidio youth devours a hot dog at the Youth Activites Center. Along with great fun, kids can get snacks at the center. There are several programs for Presidio youths. Sports, dance, karate, field trips and learning programs are all available for kids. For information about the upcoming activities, call Bill Boehm at 561-5143. (Left) There are many activities at the center. Ping-pong is a popular game. However, Presidio youths found time to stop the competition and pose for a photo.(Bottom) Enjoying the dance class, a Presidio family member twists her body to mimic the instructor's move. Several children are active in the dance classes and from their dedicated attention, it is obvious that they take dancing seriously and try to get each move right.





Greg Choff, Larry Skufca and John Cragen enjoy the fruits of their hard work.

Gardeners brighten up post

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Splashes of red, green, blue, yellow, pink and purple brighten up the area which once was as colorful as dirt.

Where the rubble of a rotted building once lay (across the street from Gym No. 1) gardeners of the Directorate of Public Works and the Park Service planted wild California flowers.

"This started as an experiment with California wild flowers," said James Eldredge about the area across from Gym No. 1. "We've been planting flowers in many areas mainly for the beautification of the post."

About five gardeners have been involved in planting flowers around Presidio. They've planted flowers behind Building 220, in front of Building 38 and Building 103.

"Our work has shown through this. It's above and beyond what we normally do," said Greg Choff, Park Service gardener. "By planting flowers it show we do more than destroy. We can see the fruits of our labor."

"Most of our work is maintenance," said John Cragen, DPW. "Cutting grass is just maintenance work. I love gardening."

"I really enjoy it," said Larry Skufca, DPW. "It's nice to make something look better."

It took about four days to plant the wild flowers in this area. Gardeners had to dig up the dirt and put down four truck loads top soil than plant the seeds. It took more than six months for the workers to see the results of their hard work. Just three weeks ago the flowers started to bloom. Seeds were planted before Christmas last year.

Contractors paving the road which runs from Lincoln to the office of the Headquarters Commandant, worked in the area where the seeds were planted so it suffered from the activity, however the color still brightens up the area.

"We're really not satisfied with it," Choff admitted. We would like to get rid of all these weeds, but we just don't have the manpower. Given the opportunity we could make the area look a lot better."

When Choff, who is now a Park Service employee, began working for DPW there were 26 people in the shop. At one time, according to Cragen, there was 45 people keeping up the Presidio grounds. Now there are 10.

"We still have the same areas to cover. The more people who leave we actually have more areas because we have to keep up the area around empty quarters," Choff said.

Although the workers have added areas and less people they are brightening up the post whenever possible.

"Anytime flowers come in and we get the opportunity we plant them," Skufca said. "We do the best we can with the time we have."

"They have really done a good job in the area across from the gym and beautifying the post," added Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy. "We really appreciate their hard work. They should be recognized for the good job they are doing in beautifying the Presidio."

Battalion Sgt. Maj. moves to garrison

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Three years ago, Sgt. Maj. Dennis McKay became the Headquarters Command Battalion sergeant major. He is now the new U.S. Army garrison sergeant major at the Presidio of San Francisco.

"I've enjoyed being at the battalion," McKay said at a luncheon held in his honor May 13 in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference Room. "It's been an experience here--an experience I wouldn't have had if I didn't come to the Presidio."

McKay is an infantryman and proud to be.

"A lot of people say I think like an infantryman. I don't know if that's meant as a compliment or an insult," he said. "I've spent 20 years trying to think like an infantryman.

"I believe in training hard and working hard. We must enforce the regualtions across the board and treat every situation fairly, but firmly."

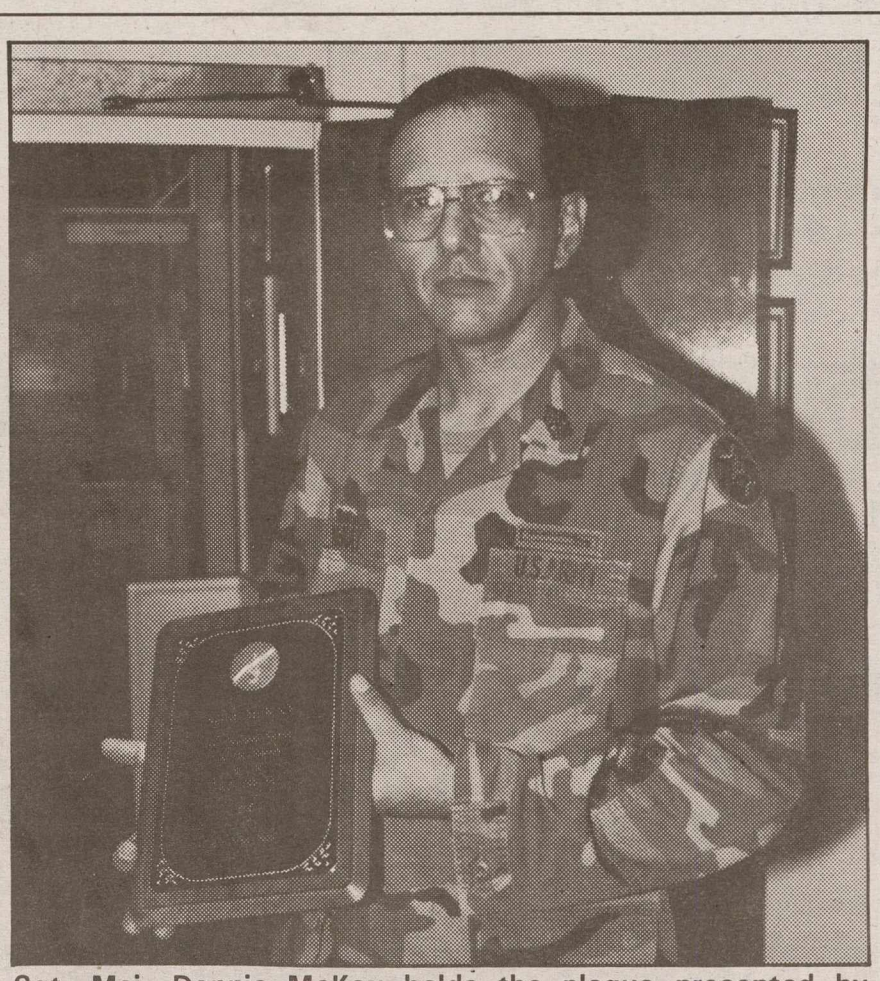
"Sgt. Maj. McKay has served the battalion well under three different commnaders over a three year period. He's been the mainstay for the unit,' said Maj. Lindsey Smith, Headquarters Comamnd Battalion comamnder. "He's been instrumental in the professional development of the noncommissioned officers and has served as an effective counselor for the young soldiers in the battalion.

"His most significant contribution has been in the area of training, managing and assessment for the three companies assigned to the battalion," he continued. "Sgt. Maj. McKay has been able to assist the battalion commanders in providing for the family members of all the soldiers."

Although McKay is leaving the battalion, he's not leaving the soldiers.

"I'll still see you around post while I'm out checking police call," he said. "If there is anything you need from the garrison side, I'll do what I can to help you."

"Sgt. Maj. McKay will be an assest to garrison. He'll be able to use his leadership and soldier skills to carry out his duties," Smith concluded. "He has a great knowledge of Presidio military and civilian employees and organizational structure of the Presidio. He will be a key player in the garrison operations as we continue to move to closure in September of this year."



Sgt. Maj. Dennis McKay holds the plaque presented by Headquarters Command Battalion commander Maj. Lindsey Smith. The plaque reads, "SGM McKay for dedicated service to the soldiers of HQs CMD BN HHC, LEC, 6th Army Band."

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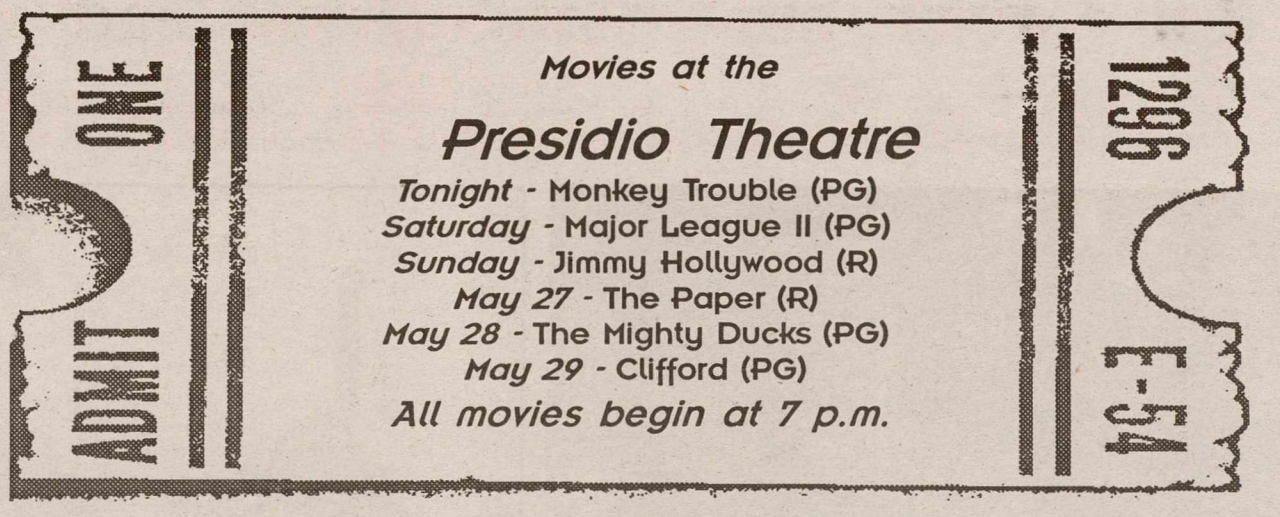
Savings open season

Open Season for the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) runs through July 31. TSP is the retirement savings plan for both FERS (Federal Employees Retirement System) and CSRS (Civil Service Retirement System) employees. The Thrift Savings Plan open season is your chance to start or change your contributions to your individual TSP account. During this open season you can also change the way your future payroll contributions are invested in the three TSP funds. TSP offers all participants a choice of three investment funds. If you are covered by FERS, you can contribute up to 10 percent of your basic pay each period to your TSP account. If you are covered by CSRS you can contribute up to five percent of your basic pay each pay period. For information, please contact the Civilian Personnel Office at **561-5724.**

Nick Hoge award

The Nick Hoge Award is an annual essay competition dedicated to promoting excellence in civilian personnel management and administration. This essay competition provides the opportunity for Army personnel to present their ideas through thoroughly researched, documented, and creative papers. The papers are to consider the existing quality, effectiveness, or efficiency of the Army and to address concepts and methodologies which may enhance the way Army does business. All Army military and civilian personnel in any career field and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible to participate. In the spirit of Total Army culture, military and civilian personnel may submit joint papers; co-authors and group authors are permitted. For information and nomination packets, contact Kassel Kendricks at **561-3780**.



Single parents' group

Army Community Services is starting a support group for single parent soldiers. The group will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays at ACS, Building 103B, Room 226. Bring your lunch! Topics will include divorce, child care, having a social life, housing, and more. For information, contact Laura Pierce at **561-4525**.

Bike-a-thon route

The AIDS Bike-a-thon will go through the Presidio tomorrow. Streets affected by the event are Gorgas Avenue, Lincoln Boulevard, Harrison Street, Kobbe Avenue, Upton Street, Ruckman Street, mcDowell Avenue and Mason Street. There will be about 1,200 bicyclists on post for the event.

Newcomers' orientation

The newcomers' orientation briefing and historical tour is sponsored by the Garrison Commander on the third Friday of every other month. This month's briefing is from 9 - 10:30 a.m. today at the ACS Conference Room, Building 103B. The next orientation briefing will be July 15. This briefing is provided for all new military and civilian personnel and their spouses assigned to units or to Presidio housing within the last 120 days. Information about installation services (hospitals, TRICARE Prime, dental service and the new Dependent Dental Plan, household claims, earthquake preparedness and more) will be addressed. A bus tour of the installation will follow, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Family members are encouraged to attend with or without their sponsors. For information, contact Vickie Crider at **561-5256.**

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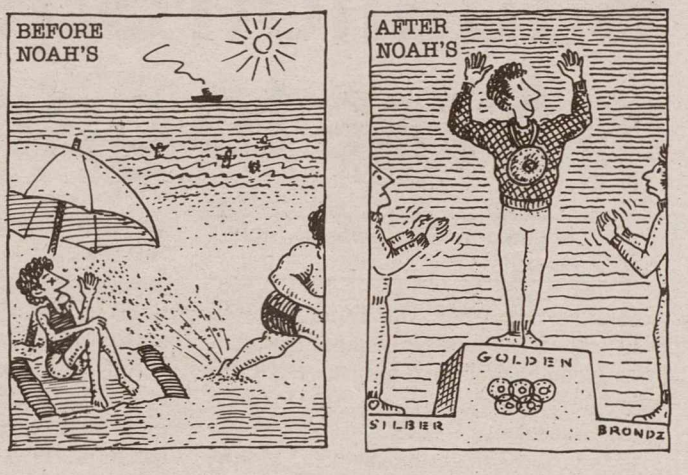

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Road work, tank removal and lead abatement continue

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

The Directorate of Public Works has contracted with Montgomery Watson to assist in complying with all federal, state and local storage tank regulations. A program to inspect, remove or upgrade the fuel distribution system and various active/inactive fuel storage tanks throughout the Presidio began May 16. This work is expected to continue through the end of the year. Residents will be contacted in advance if access to their quarters is required. If you have questions, call Ann Crum, DPW Environmental Branch, at **561-3705**.

Here is a revised schedule for Bay Pacific Pipelines' work around the Presidio and the affected area or streets: (week beginning) **May 9**, 500/700/800 Housing Area, traffic restricted to "one way" on Portola Street; entire post, clean up operations and landscaping; **May 16**, Montgomery & Sheridan Street, traffic restricted to "one way" on Sheridan Street; **May 23**, Sheridan & Riley Street, traffic restricted to "one way" on Sheridan & Riley Street; **May 30**, Arguello & Anza Street, traffic restricted to "one way" on Arguello Street; **June 6**, Lincoln Boulevard, traffic restricted to "one way" on Lincoln Boulevard; **June 13**, Girard Road, traffic restricted to "one way" on Girard Road; **June 20**, Parade Ground Area, traffic restricted to "one way" on streets being cleaned and paved.

Due to the high turnover of housing occupants on the Presidio, new guidelines for garbage pick-up on the Presidio and Fort Baker are as follows:

-- Place all household garbage, wrapped or bagged, in portable cans or multiple refuse containers where furnished. To keep wildlife out of garbage, can lids and bin covers must fit securely. Do not place garbage on top of cans.

-- The contractor will empty three garbage cans per occupied set of quarters (contractor does not service vacant quarters) if that is the approved way of collection for that area. Sand and dirt should not be put in the cans. If the cans are too heavy (i.e., more than 65 pounds), the contractor will not empty them.

-- Keep access way to multiple refuse containers clear to permit trucks to empty them.

-- Maintain cans, covers and collection points in a clean, orderly condition.

All refuse generated as a result of grounds maintenance activity (grass clippings, leaves, stones) or other bulky unwanted items, such as bicycles or furniture, should be contained in bags or boxes, if possible, and placed at the curb. Please contact the DPW work order desk at **561-4505** and specify that you would like to arrange to have some refuse (litter) picked up.

Despite our best efforts mentioned last week to control water corrosivity and remove lead from the water supply, lead levels in some homes or buildings can be high. To find out whether you need to take action in your home, have your drinking water tested to see if it contains excessive concentrations of lead. Testing is essential because you cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water. For information on having your water tested, please call **561-4067**.

If a water test indicates that the drinking water drawn from your tap contains lead above 15 ppb or 0.015 mg/L, then you should take the following precautions.

Flush your system. Flushing tap water is a simple and inexpensive measure you can take to protect your family's health. Flushing usually uses less than one or two gallons of water and costs less than 23 cents per month.

To flush, let the water run from the tap before using it for drinking or cooking any time the water in a faucet has gone unused for more than six hours. The longer water resides in your home's plumbing, the more lead it may contain. Flushing the tap means running the cold water faucet until the water gets noticeably colder, usually about 15 to 30 seconds.

If your house has a lead service line to the water main, you may have to flush the water for a longer time, perhaps one minute, before drinking. Although toilet flushing or showering flushes water through a portion of your home's plumbing system, you still need to flush the water in each faucet before using it for drinking or cooking.

To conserve water, fill a couple of bottles with water after flushing the tap, and use the first flush water to wash dishes or water plants.

Unfortunately, if you live in a high-rise building, letting the water flow before using it may not lessen your risk from lead. This is because high rise plumbing systems have more, and sometimes larger, pipes than smaller buildings. Call the DPW Environmental Office for help in locating the source of the lead and for advice on reducing the lead level.

Use only cold water for cooking and drinking. Try not to cook with or drink water from the hot water tap. Hot water can dissolve lead more quickly than cold water. If you need hot water, draw water from the cold tap and heat it on the stove.

Remove loose solder and debris from the plumbing materials installed in newly constructed homes, or homes in which the plumbing has recently been replaced. To do this, remove the faucet strainers from all taps and run the water from three to five minutes. Thereafter, periodically remove the strainers and flush out any debris that has accumulated over time.

(Part III of this series on lead appears in next week's Star Presidian)

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Bay to Breakers

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
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Who in their right mind would run seven and a half miles while wearing a costume or trying to race 80,000 other runners of all shapes, sizes and persuasions?

A whole lot of us, that's who.

More than 80,000 runners rambled along the 7.54 mile course that made up the 1994 Bay to Breakers footrace Sunday in San Francisco. The winner was Kenya's Ismail Kirui with a time of 34:03. The first woman to finish was Tecla Lorupe, also of Kenya, who crossed the finish line at 39:10 to finish among the top 50 runners. In this town it takes that long to drive a car the same route.

The Presidio's Bob Darling crossed the finish line three minutes later at 42:56, making him the 155th runner overall.

A number of Presidians, me included, donned our running shoes and plodded the same course. We had volunteered to form the human wall that separated the seeded, world-class runners from the rest of the maddening throng. It was an event that none of us will forget.

We showed up at 5 a.m. and spent the first 17 minutes standing around in a cool, steady rain. If it was a bad omen, it was false. Just before race time the skies cleared and a gentle, cool breeze permeated the atmosphere. Perfect running weather.

Runners began showing up around 6 a.m., some on foot, some by bus and some by cab (you had to be there). One gentleman dressed as a Viking warrior jogged in place beneath an office building's mezzanine, clad in nothing more than some skins and a horned helmet. That shield and battle axe weren't keeping him warm at all.

Other runners were showing up in the early morning drizzle to brave the elements in their equally creative attire.

Some guy who worked for the event organizers kept walking among us encouraging us to stand fast and hold the crowd back.

"Keep the integrity of the wall. You are a wall ... You are infallible ... No one can get through you ...!" he shouted through his megaphone.

But who was listening? We had other things on our minds.

Someone threw a tortilla, Frisbee-like, through the air. Another soon followed. The next thing we knew, the sky was crowded with tortillas, bagels (which sting when they make contact), inflatable beach balls and soccer balls, and wet T-shirts and socks. All of this was going on while KGO radio blasted hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s.

There was a real party going on, and it was only 7 a.m.! If you ever wondered what staid Presidians act like without their uniforms, well, you missed it. We were dancing the Can-Can, volleying the beach balls and being entertained by a highly energetic, late thirties, 4-feet 5-inches short belly dancer.

Then came the separate countdowns that started the race. The first countdown was for the seeded runners, the second one for the rest of us forming the wall.

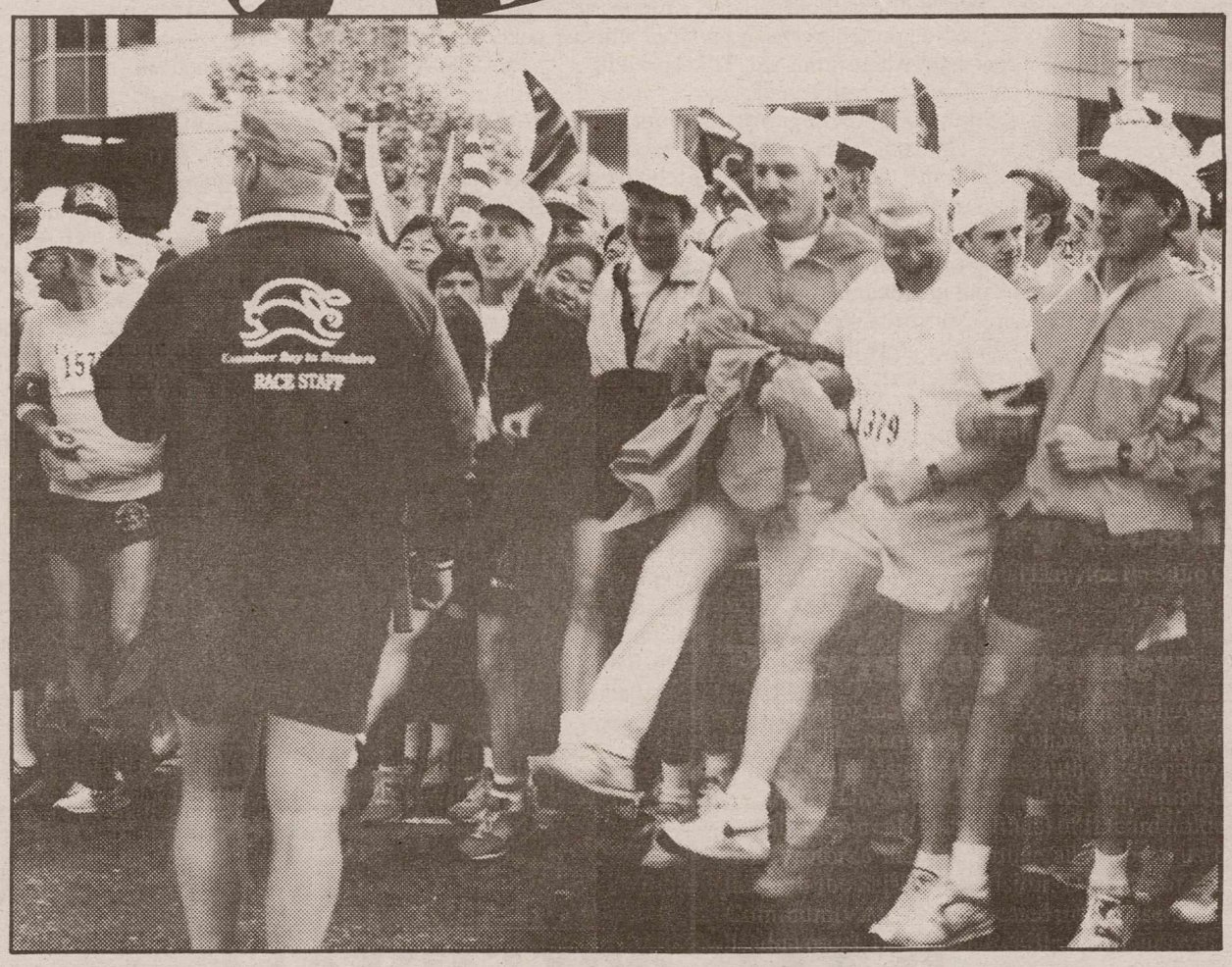
The wall did NOT hold. Some people were literally run over by those behind them.

The Bay to Breakers run turned out to be many spectacles within the spectacle. Runners dressed as Flintstones characters, complete with stone age car, wound their way through the course. Fathers pushed strollers.

Capt. Stephanie Long, commander, Law Enforcement Company, had her wheelchair towed by Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Dolinger and 1st Lt. Charles Kelso. Capt. John Perfetti ran interference in front of them while Cpl. Marina Urroz brought up the rear. Their group finished the race in 1:15:00.

"At the start we had to break loose first, get Capt. Long, move obstacles out of the way and get back into the race," Dolinger said. "We lost the right front wheel at the two-mile mark, so she held the other wheel in her hand while we towed her by the leg restraints.

An hour and nine minutes later I crossed the finish line to complete my first (and probably final) race — unless they have one in the coming autumn. Something about this thing makes me wonder, could I do better ....



Anticipating the race, Col. Mark McCracken started leading the rest of the human wall participants int he can can. Maybe he was just trying to stretch his legs and everyone got the wrong idea.

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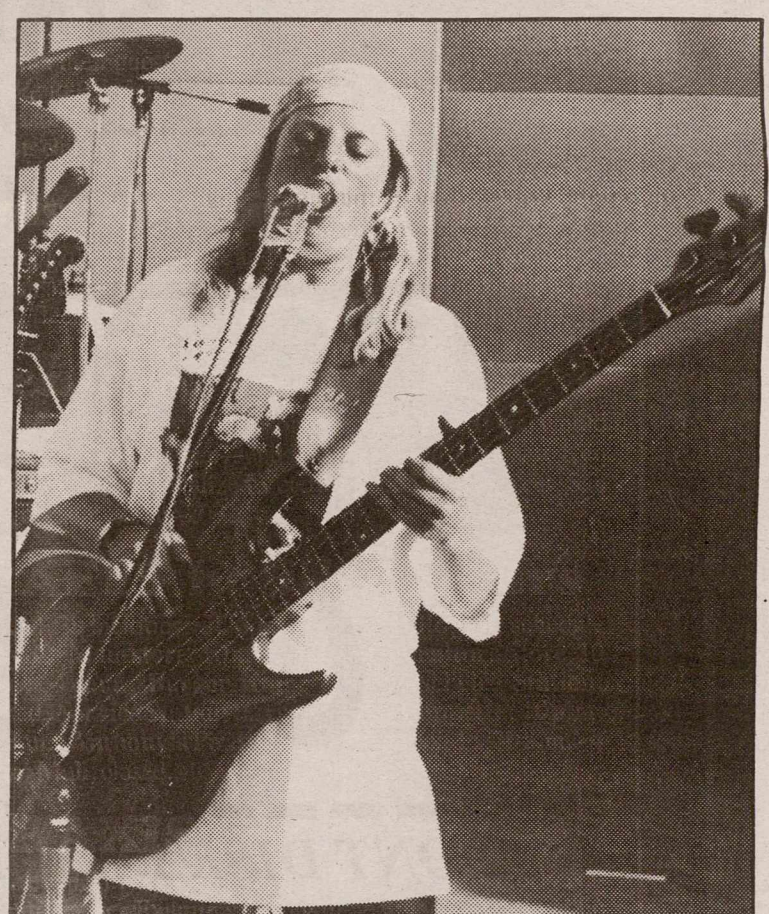
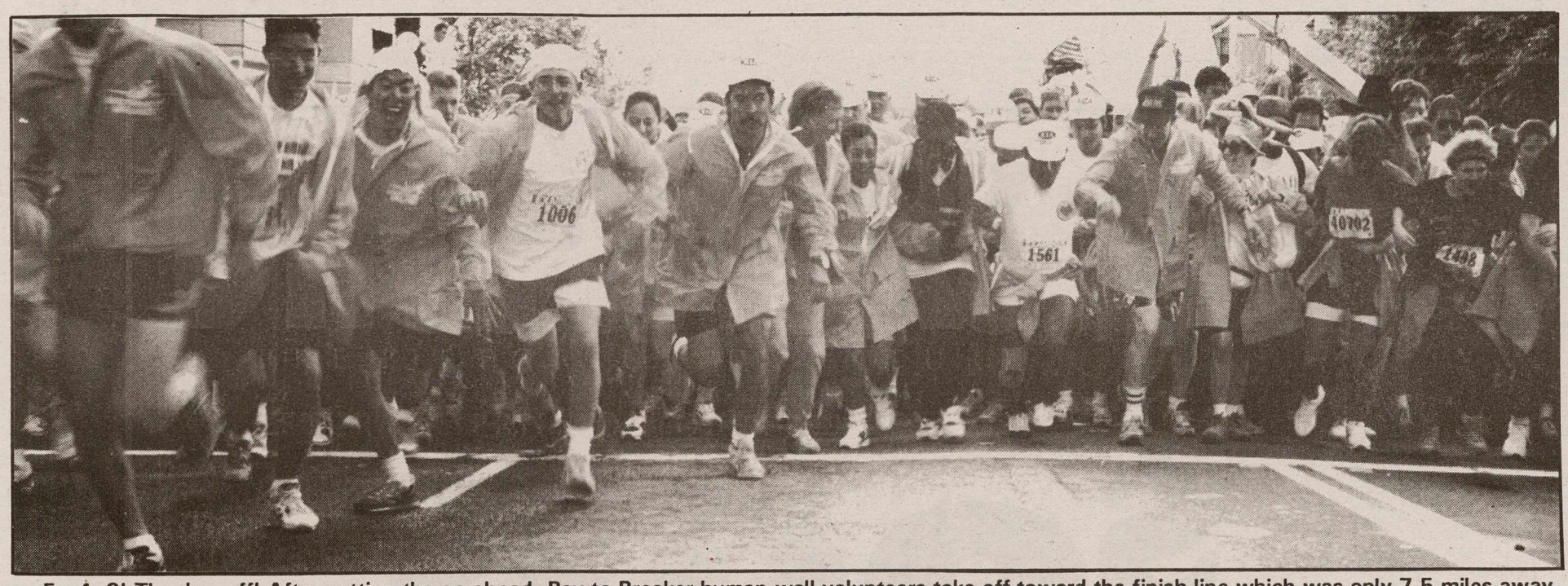


(Left) Presidians volunteered to keep runners from interfering with the race of the seeded runners during the 1994 Bay to Breakers May 16. They acted as a human wall until they were given the go-ahead to start the race. (Above) Eight bands performed on the Bay to Breakers route. In the photo is the bass player of the first band on the way to the finish line.



....5, 4, 3! They're off! After getting the go-ahead, Bay to Breaker human wall volunteers take off toward the finish line which was only 7.5 miles away.

Here are the names, place number (where available) and times of Presidians who participated in the Bay to Breakers run:

Bob Darling, #155, 00:42:56;
Thomas Morey, #704, 00:53:29;
Scott Miller, #797, 00:54:17;
Rodney Bunyan, #809, 00:54:24;
Albert Charette, #1127, 00:56:30;
Charles Conrad, #1195, 00:56:57;
Timothy Collins, #1265, 00:57:18;
Vernon Fowler, #1372, 00:57:52;
James Correll, #1377, 00:57:53;
Alec Morrow, #1502, 00:58:25;
Tracy Sharpe, #1521, 00:58:29;
David Herrera, #1546; 00:58:37;
Steve Walker (Fort Ord), #1790, 00:59:42;
Henry Conway, #2202, 01:00:35;
Mark Anderson, #2215, 01:01:23;
Steven Stryker, #2541, 01:02:21;
Melvin Faulcon, #2619, 01:02:34;
Lee Stewart, #2739, 01:02:54;
John Hansell, #2925, 01:03:21;
Kevin Hubert, #3086, 01:03:43;
Tom Gallegos, #3341, 01:04:24;
Cathy Leppiaho, #3569, 01:05:03;
Stephen Murray, #4268, 01:06:44;
Randy Brownlee, #5000, 01:08:23;
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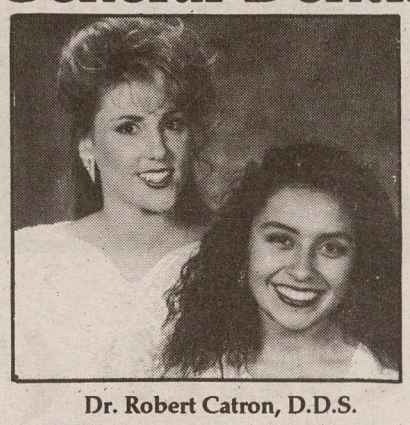

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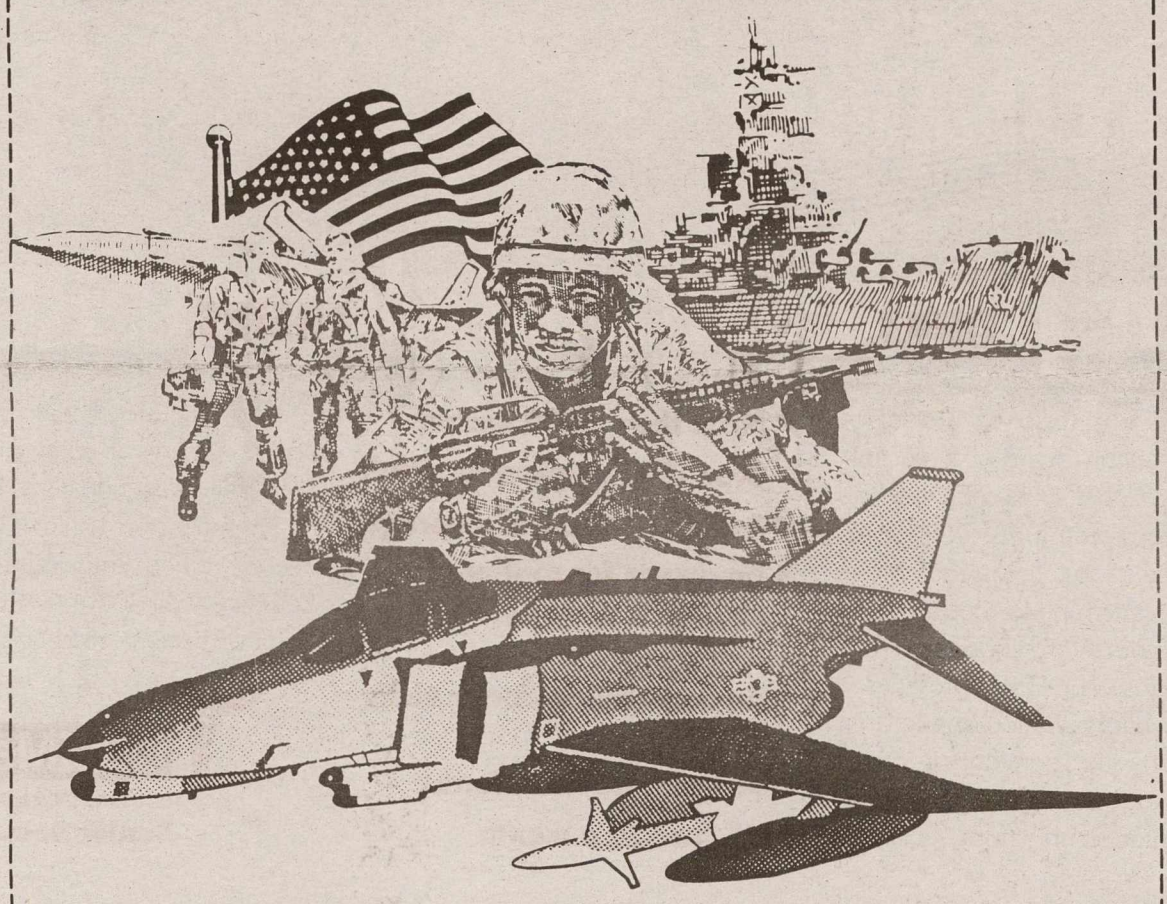

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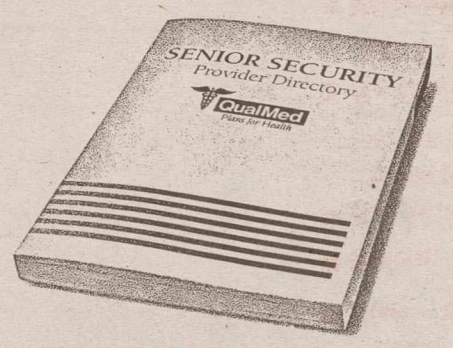

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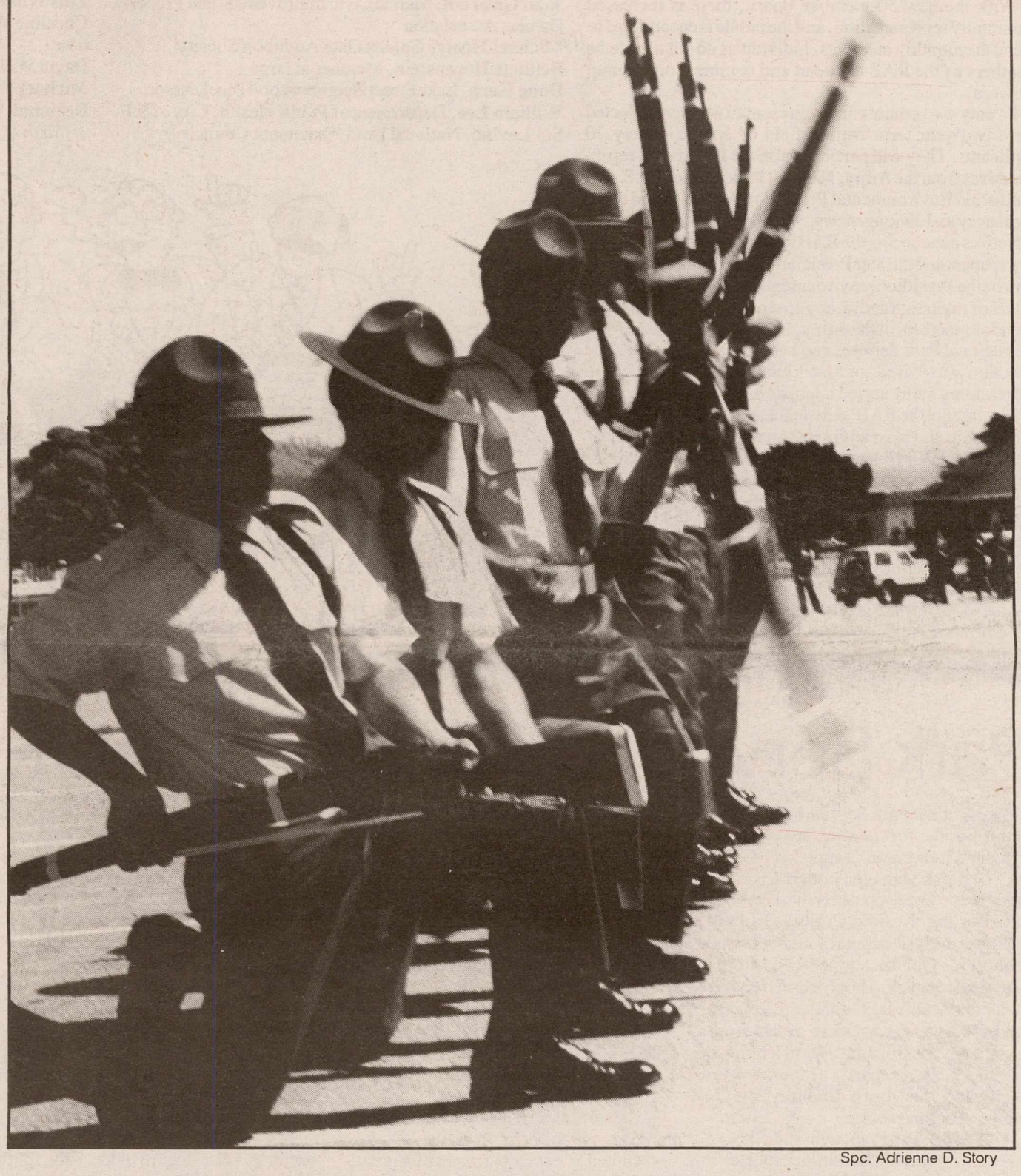

Spc. Adrienne D. Story

Members of Wilson High Schools's Junior ROTC Drill Team demonstrated their skills in the May 21 competition here. The competition was sponsored by the 91st Division (Exercise) at Fort Baker. For more on the drill team competition, see page 12.

MILPO closes

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Military Personnel Office closed May 17.

With its closure, the records of all soldiers who do not have orders to leave before September were transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash.

Records of soldiers with orders in-hand will remain here at the Presidio and be maintained by Spc. KelliAnne Solano in Building 34, room 102. This will be effective June 2.

"All garrison soldiers who have orders in hand will out-process here and take their records with them when they leave," said Maj. Vicki Bowman, Adjutant General. "Those who don't have orders, their records will go to Fort Lewis, and their records will be sent to their new duty station 30 days prior to their leaving Presidio."

Spc. Solano and Spc. Wilkenson will run the records and ID card section. Staff Sgt. Byron Crawford will be in charge of the ID Card section until he leaves in June. ID cards will still be made for soldiers, family members and retirees. However, appointments should be made when possible. These soldiers will not only maintain soldiers' records and process ID cards, they will also be out-processing soldiers leaving the Presidio. The Battalion PAC will make out-processing appointments for soldiers to pick up their 201 files. The same rules apply for clearing. Soldiers must have all required stamps or signatures before they can get their 201 files.

"We are stressing appointments. There will only be two soldiers working in the sections, and it will benefit everyone if appointments are made," Bowman explained. "If someone comes in for an ID

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Restoration Advisory Board

Panel explained, members named

In keeping with DoD guidance, "Fast Track Cleanup at Closing Installations," the Army, in May, formed an environmental Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the cleanup of the Presidio of San Francisco.

The Board's purpose is to promote increased public participation by involving the community in the decision-making process during the ongoing environmental restoration program on post. The RAB was expanded from the post's Technical Review Committee (TRC) which, with few community members, reviewed environmental investigation documents during meetings closed to the public.

With the new 30-member Board, there is increased community representation, and the public is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Individuals do not need to be members of the RAB to attend and comment on cleanup activities.

Twenty-two community representatives were selected for a two-year term from a field of approximately 70 applicants. They will participate on the Board with representatives from the Army, National Park Service, U.S. and California Environmental Protection Agencies and other regulatory and civic agencies.

Notices announcing the RAB formation appeared in local newspapers and the Star Presidian. In addition, local members of the Presidio's environmental mailing list received letters of invitation and an application. The selection panel included members of the Army, U.S. and California EPAs, the National Park Service, and a community member. The selection was based on assembling a diversified group representing many varied interests in San Francisco.

Throughout the RAB's existence, the Board will work in partnership and in an advisory capacity with the Army on cleanup issues and related matters throughout this facility's cleanup and transition to the National Park Service. Its focus is on reviewing and commenting on cleanup documents and applicable standards, and keeping the community involved and informed. The Board will be co-chaired by both a community member and an Army member.

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15 at the Presidio's Golden Gate Club.

Restoration Advisory Board members are listed below:

Michael Alexander, Sierra Club
Harold Ball, *Member-at-large*
Jan Baxter, Member-at-large
Roberta Blank, National Park Service
Saul Bloom, Arms Control Research Center
J. Dennis Bonney, Vice Chairman, World Affairs Council and Chevron Corp.
Greg Bridgestock, Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
John Buck, Army Environmental Center
Dexter Chan, International Urban Estuary Network
Romy Fuentes, Department of Toxic Substances Control
Heidi Gewertz, People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Joan Girardot, Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association
Michael Healy, Golden Gate Audubon Society
Bennett Horenstein, Member at large
Doug Kern, Lake Street Neighborhood Block Assoc.
William Lee, Department of Public Health, City of S.F.
Sol Levine, National Lead Abatement Council
Andrew Lolli, Small Business Advisory Commission
Helen Marte-Bautista, Filipino-American Women's Action League
Bruce McKleroy, Presidio Heights Associaton of Neighbors
Jan Monaghan, President, Bay Area Chapter of International Facilities Management
Peter O'Hara, Cow Hollow Association
Robert Reinhard, Presidio Council
Sgt. 1st Class Larry Stuhlmiller, Presidio resident
Dr. Burnet Sumner, UCSF faculty
Ellis Wallenberg, Presidio neighbor
Caroline Washington, Black Postal Employees Association
David Wilkins, Presidio Base Environmental Coordinator
Michael Work, US Environmental Protection Agency
Regional Water Quality Control Board.

(Sixth U.S. Army release)

Park Service reviews proposals for Letterman

The National Park Service has received 16 proposals for leasing space at the Presidio's Letterman Complex, NPS Presidio General Manager Robert Chandler announced. The proposals have been submitted to the Presidio Project Office in response to the National Park Service's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Letterman complex. The proposals received are an important step in the implementation process as the Presidio of San Francisco begins its transition from a military post to a national park. Proposals were received by the May 6 deadline from the following organizations:

-- ACERIS (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- California State Department of Health Services (Sacramento, Calif.).
-- Far West Laboratory (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- Fort Mason Foundation (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- International Health Center (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- Letterman Joint Venture (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- Letterman Military Management Group (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- Patient Care, Inc. (San Diego, Calif.).
-- San Francisco State University - Treganza Anthropology Museum (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- San Francisco State University - The Institute for Integrated Health and Human Services (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- San Francisco State University - International Dance Institute (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- The Tides Foundation (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- University of California at San Francisco (San Francisco, Calif.).
-- United States Data Highway Corporation (Pleasanton, Calif.).
-- United States Department of Agriculture (Albany, Calif.).
-- YMCA of San Francisco (San Francisco, Calif.).

These organizations are competing to lease buildings in the 1.2 million square foot Letterman Complex which is allowed by a special law (PL 103-175) passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton in December of 1993. The law authorizes the Park Service to lease buildings on the 55-acre Letterman parcel for scientific, research or educational purposes, and to retain revenues generated by the leasing.

The evaluation of proposals has already begun and the National Park Service anticipates selecting one or more of the groups interested in leasing space within the next 30 to 60 days. Intent to negotiate does not guarantee a final lease.

After selection, the NPS will begin a lease negotiation with prospective tenant(s). This process, depending on the complexity and number of leases, could take several months. Leases will not be signed until the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Presidio General Management Plan Amendment is completed this summer. (The Record of Decision for the FEIS is anticipated in July.) If additional environmental and public review of the specific proposals of the tenant(s) is needed, it will be conducted after the FEIS is completed.

The National Park Service has not yet determined if each submission meets the technical requirements for an official response, as outlined in the RFQ document. The evaluation process will determine which proposals meet these minimum requirements.

The Park Service has assembled a diverse and distinguished panel of experts to qualify and review the proposals. Their recommendations and review will be submitted to the National Park Service for final selections of prospective tenant(s). They include Randy Biallas, NPS Chief Historical Architect; Stephen Crabtree, Chief of Concessions for the Western Region of the NPS; Charles Dilks, Senior Vice President of the University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Penn.; Dr. Franklyn Prendergast, Guggenheim Professor of Biochemistry and Board of Governors at the Mayo Clinic and Foundation, Rochester, Minn.; Dr. William Raub, Senior Scientist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.; and Terry Wong, Senior Structural Engineer, Denver Service Center, National Park Service.

A synopsis of the submitted proposals to the RFQ is currently being developed by NPS staff. For information, please contact the Presidio Program Development Office at **556-3097**.

(Golden Gate National Recreation Area news release)

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Transition Column

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
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IRS issued ruling

PCS moves now declared tax-free

You may have heard or read recently that benefits given soldiers in conjunction with permanent change of station (PCS) moves would be taxed as of 1994.

Well, hang on to your hats, because, according to an Army Times article, the Internal Revenue Service issued a ruling on May 18 that the benefits are now tax-free.

According to the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993, certain previously untaxed allowances intended to reimburse soldiers for their expenses because of PCS moves would have been considered taxable income. The new law was set to apply to all PCS moves made on or after January 1, 1994.

Prior to Omnibus, tax laws allowed deductions for many expenses incurred by soldiers in a PCS move.

These expenses included the cost of meals and lodging on househunting trips, travel to the new duty station, and meals and lodging while occupying temporary quarters at the new duty station.

Government reimbursement for any of these expenses was considered nontaxable income.

However, if Omnibus had been allowed to go through as written, it would have reduced the number of deductions allowed for moving expenses and the types of reimbursable PCS expenses that were nontaxable.

According to the articlein the Army Times, Pentagon estimates indicated that the typical stateside PCS move would have incurred an additional tax burden of about $500 for the soldier. In the case of an overseas move, where moving allowances could total $10,000 or more, the soldier might have owed additional federal taxes of several thousand dollars.

DoD officials immediately began their effort to either have the Omnibus tax law changed to restore the tax-exempt status of PCS moves for military members or increase benefits by enough to offset the cost of the new taxes.

According to the article, the U.S. Treasury Department told DoD that the only way to restore the tax exemption was to get the law changed.

Secretary of Defense William Perry asked Congress for emergency legislation to restore the tax-exemption, but the House Ways and Means Committee which handles tax legislation had indicated it would not be able to pass such a bill until next year.

However, the IRS resolved the issue in DoD's favor when it announced Notice 94-59, scheduled to appear in the June 6, 1994 edition of the Internal Revenue Bulletin 1994-23.

The notice is a two-paragraph ruling that states PCS moving benefits are tax-free, according to the article, and it will negate the need for a change in the Omnibus tax law through Congressional channels.

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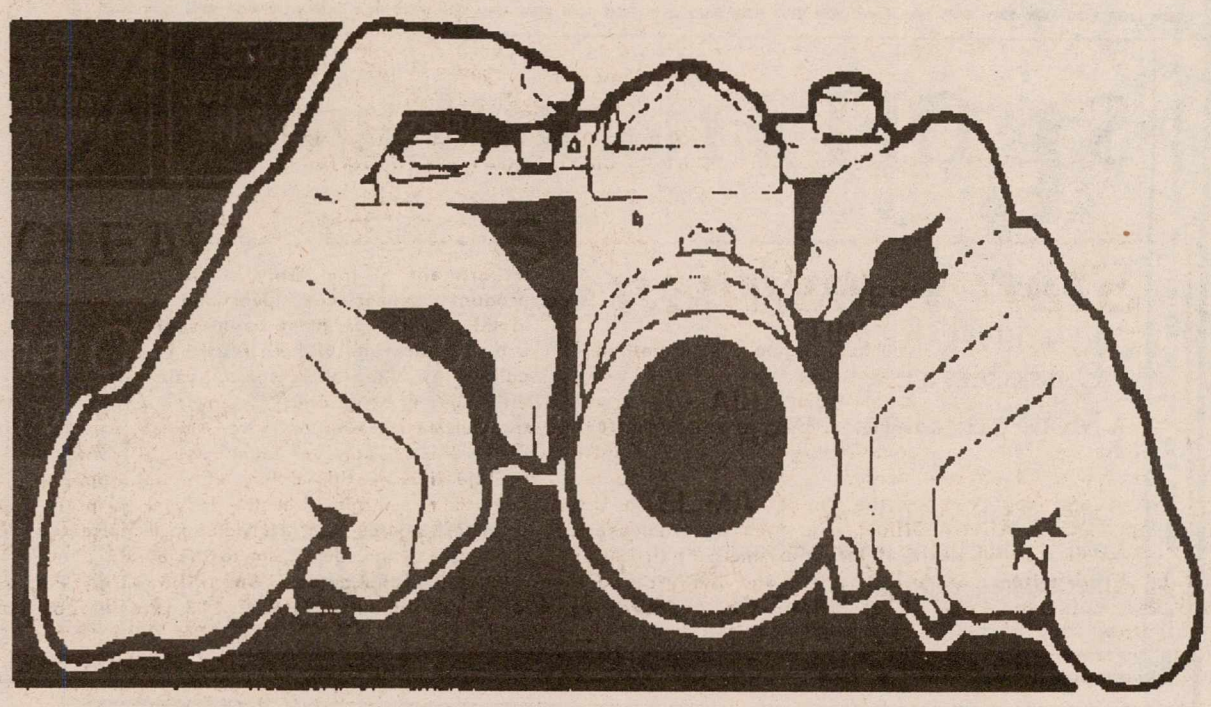

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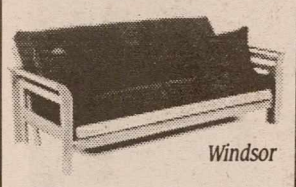
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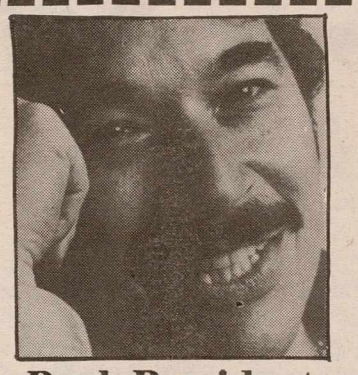
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State Primary dates

Here is the most recent series of state primary and special election dates. For additional information, contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

Alabama, June 7; **Colorado**, Aug. 9; **Georgia**, July 19; **Idaho**, May 24; **Kansas**, Aug. 2; **Maine**, June 14; **Michigan**, Aug. 2; **Mississippi**, June 7; **Montana**, June 7; **New Jersey**, June 7; **South Carolina**, Aug. 9; **Tennessee**, Aug. 4.

Commissary closure

In observance of Memorial Day, the Presidio Commissary will be closed Tuesday.

AAFES holiday hours

AAFES facilities will operate on the following schedule Monday: **Main store**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **Furniture Store**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **Burger King**, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; **Service Station**, closed; **Service Station bays**, closed; **Shoppette**, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; **Anthony's Pizza/Frank's Franks**, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **Mall**, closed.

Battle of Normandy event

The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy will be observed at 7 p.m., June 5, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street. The Sixth U.S. Army Band, conducted by CW3 Orville Gannon, will play during the display of flags by U.S. and Allied Veterans. This observance also marks the California premiere of "An American Requiem" by James DeMars. This is the first requiem ever composed in the history of U.S. Music. The requiem will be performed by the Classic Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Laurence Kohl, with a special Requiem Chorus composed of the Bay Area's finest choral ensembles conducted by Suzanne Swerdlow. For information or reservations, call **584-2032**. Proceeds will benefit veterans' associations and other Bay Area charities.

Single parents' group

Army Community Services is starting a support group for single parent soldiers. The group will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays at ACS, Building 103B, Room 226. Bring your lunch! Topics will include divorce, child care, having a social life, housing, and more. For information, contact Laura Pierce at **561-4525**.

LUSAH news

On June 1, the health and outpatient records of all Active Duty personnel and their family members and civilian employee medical records will be transferred to the New Letterman Clinic. All patient records, to include retiree and their family members' health records, remaining in the current Outpatient Medical Records Branch will be retired to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri, before July 15.

Patients are welcome to request one free copy of their medical records or to request that the records be transferred to another military medical treatment facility (MTF). We will send copies of your records to you or another address that you may choose. We will also transfer your records for you to another MTF. Requests should be made to the Outpatient Medical Records Branch, Room 218, as early as possible and *not later than* June 1.

If you have any questions, call **561-3607/4541**.

JAG news

Due to the closure of the Office of the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate, the Garrison Legal Assistance Office will be permanently closed and will not provide any legal assistance after June 29. The Office of the Sixth U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate, Building 39, 3rd Floor, will begin providing limited legal assistance July 5. The new phone number is **561-3131**.

The Claims Division at the Office of the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate will also close June 29 and will no longer adjudicate claims. The office responsible for adjudicating

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The line of people waiting outside the M.H. deYoung Memorial Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls is quite long. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to wait at least an hour to enter the building. There is a separate line for those who wish to visit only the museum's other exhibits. The 12 scroll fragments and accompanying artifacts, antiquities and supporting art from various periods will be at the Golden Gate Park museum through Sunday.

DeYoung museum has it all fun, interesting activities

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

I'm a fine arts buff. . . I enjoy museums of all sorts. If you are also into museums, you can't do too much better than San Francisco's M.H. deYoung Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park.

In addition to the beautiful Asian art collection (check out the jade carvings; they're exquisite), and standing collections of African, modern, and religious art, the deYoung regularly sponsors travelling exhibits. I've seen costumes, sets and designs from Diaghilev's Ballet Russe and, most recently, the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit runs through Sunday, and I recommend it highly. Unfortunately, there is no photography permitted in the museum. Otherwise, I would be able to show you the artifacts, paintings, models and other materials that accompanied the 12 scroll fragments. I can, however, tell you about the exhibit.

The exhibit begins with a room dedicated to the history and archaeological significance of both the Dead Sea Scrolls and the nearby site of Qumran, an Essene community believed to be the scrolls' source because of the scribes' materials found among the artifacts there.

The next room shows some of the various artifacts found at Qumran, including 24 silver coins and the same sort of pottery jars in which the scrolls were found. Qumran is the only archaeological site to yield this particular type of jar, which furthered scholars' belief that the scrolls were written there. Other artifacts, from both the scroll cave and Qumran, included wooden combs, bowls, oil lamps, pieces of linen scroll wrappings and jar covers.

The remaining rooms house the twelve scroll fragments, supporting artwork, models, dioramas and other information concerning the Dead Sea Scrolls. A five-minute video about the restoration process was particularly interesting.

I was particularly interested in the discovery and archaeology portions of the exhibit. According to the "Mystery of the Dead Sea Scrolls" guidebook, a trio of Bedouins searching for a lost goat found the scrolls in the winter of 1946-47 in a cave near the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. The guidebook goes on to explain that it was illegal in Palestine to excavate antiquities without a permit, so the herdsmen sold their find secretly to dealers in Bethlehem in the spring of 1947. Eventually, through a long and convoluted path, the scrolls became the property of the Israel Antiquities Authority on July 1, 1954. The IAA was one of the sponsors of the deYoung exhibit.

Another fascinating part of the exhibit dealt with the restoration and preservation process. When first discovered, the scrolls were not handled in a controlled environment, which contributed to some damage. Additionally, cellophane tape was used to hold some of the fragments together. The adhesive of the tape penetrated the parchment, causing darkening and impairing the scrolls' legibility. Conservators had to remove the tape without further damaging the scrolls, sandwich the fragments in a material called "Stabletex," a polyester net, and put them in acid-free mounts. The scrolls are also stored in a constant temperature and level of humidity.

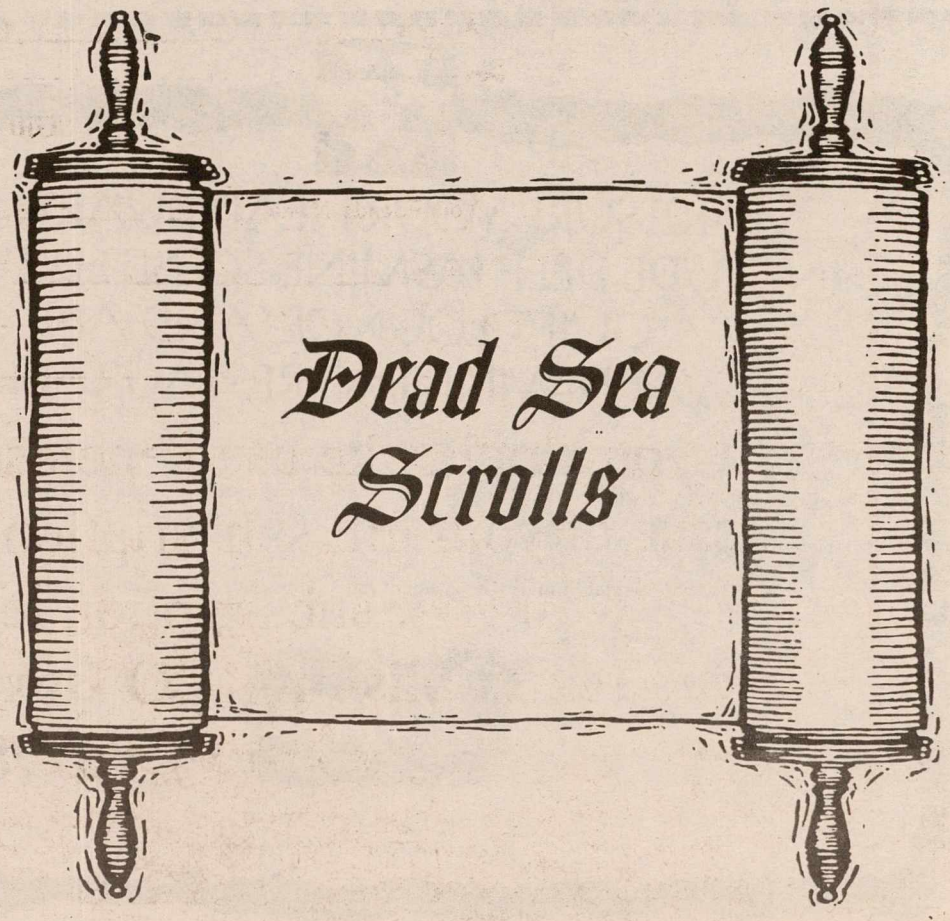
Be sure to wear comfortable shoes to the deYoung (I stood in line for an hour to see the scrolls, although the general admission line moved very quickly). It's a sizable collection and you can easily spend a day there looking at everything.

I had to park a ways from the museum, so be prepared to take a bit of a walk if you drive (MUNI has a stop right in front of the museum).

You should also carry a light jacket, because some of the exhibits (including the Dead Sea Scrolls) are temperature-controlled as part of the preservation process.

General admission for the deYoung museum (including the Asian Art Museum) is $5; there is a $2.50 surcharge for the Dead Sea Scrolls. However, the first Wednesday of each month is free of charge, as is the first Saturday before noon.

The M.H. deYoung Memorial Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended hours until 8:45 p.m. on the first Wednesday.



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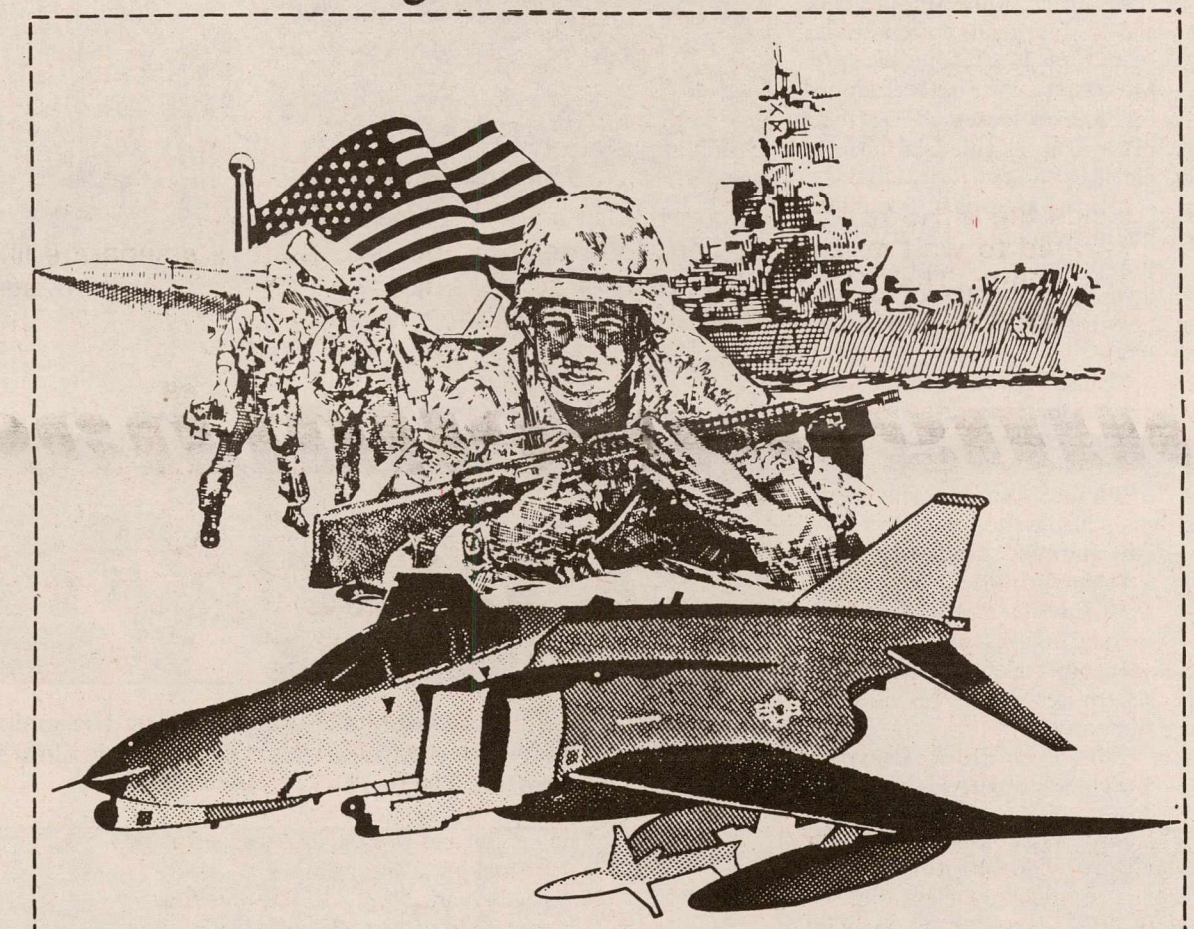

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Presidian moonlights as video producer

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

A Presidio housing inspector has found a niche for himself in the Bay Area's cable television community.

Clarence Swiggins, housing inspector, Department of Public Works, is beginning his third year with Seize the Moment Productions, which he started in May 1992.

"I had always been interested in the entertainment field and have been involved with the industry since the '50s," Swiggins, known to his friends as "Swig", said.

His company's biggest project is "Seize the Moment Video Magazine" which airs the first and third Thursdays of each month on San Francisco Viacom Cable channel 53. The video production company also produces commercials, videotapes special events and covers human interest stories.

"Swig is a hard charger and highly professional," said Stan Moore, chief operator, Sixth U.S. Army Videoteleconferencing Center. Moore has aided Swiggins on a number of projects.

"Swig has a vision that he's trying to carry out. Things are going well as he's doing a local focus program of arts and entertainment that we don't normally get," Moore continued.

Swiggins' program also covers stories that reflect the community's social issues, and aids other videomakers with their projects.

For example, a local music video maker worked on a Black Entertainment Television (BET) special featuring musician Dwayne Wiggins of the musical group Tony Toni Toné conducting a question and answer session with the Omega Boys Club, and later doing a public service announcement about gun control. Swiggins videotaped the making of the PSA and the making of the Q and A session.

Swig said the music video maker will use Swig's tapes to show others how his video productions are made. He is arguably the only black video producer filling this niche in the San Francisco area.

Swig has been involved in the entertainment business for a long time.

Prior to 1992, he was involved in film production with screenwriter Donald Lacy. He was a radio disc jockey at San Francisco's KPOO for 13 years through 1991 as host of "The Music People Show." His program ranged from light gospel to jazz, hip-hop to rhythm and blues, and it ran in the 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. time slot once per week.

A man with a towering presence and deep but gentle voice who was reared in Detroit in the pre-Motown era, Swig has been around for 55 years. He served 20 of them in the Army as a medical lab technician.

"I'm a movie buff. I could see one or two movies every day if time permitted," Swig said. "I've acquired knowledge of the business that you can't get from a classroom.

"I have many experiences to draw from. I have a lot of ideas. I just need to learn how to write a screenplay," he said.

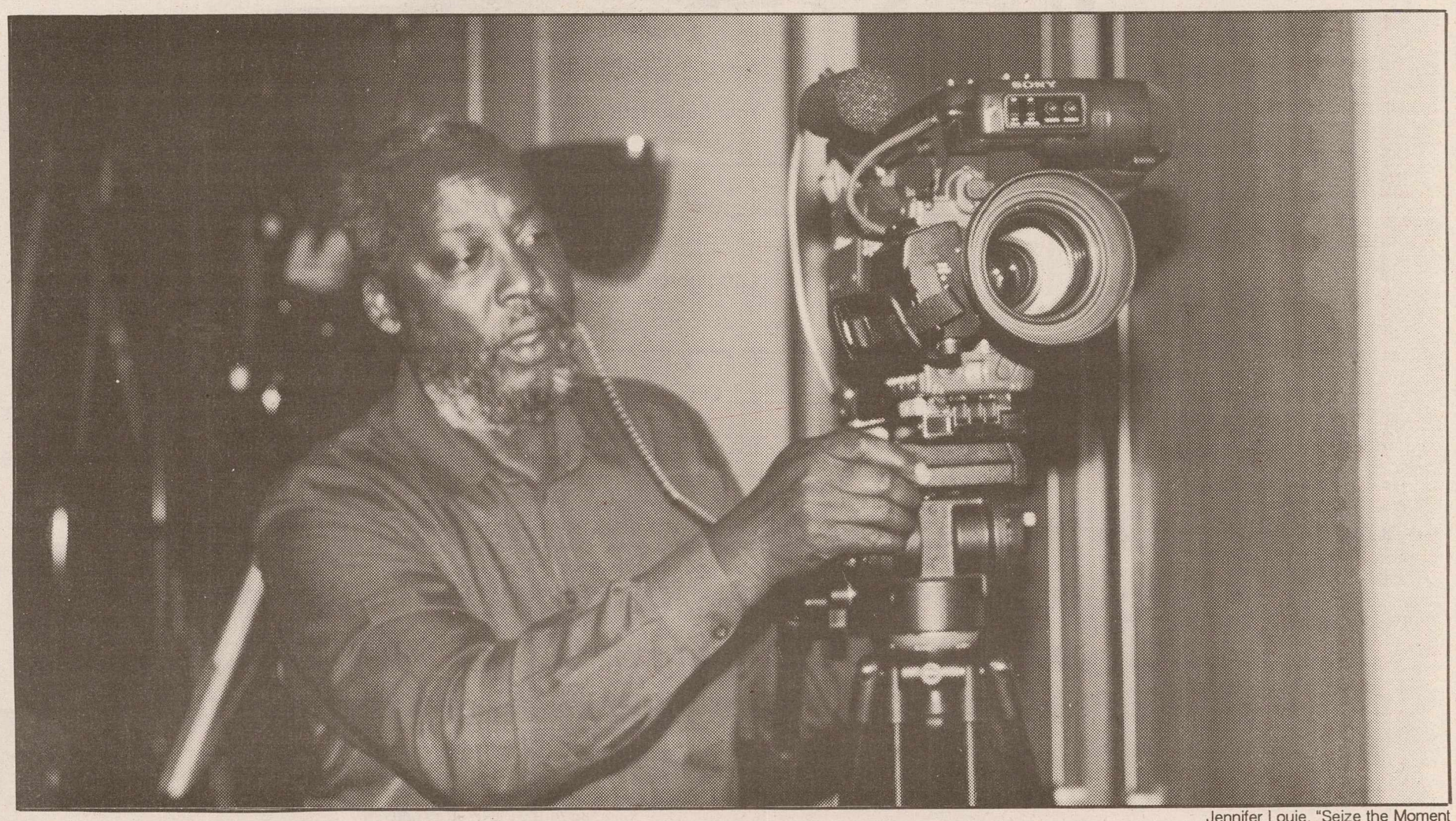
But that's not all. This gentle giant also writes poetry on love, adventure and social issues.

"I hope to someday connect with a music writer and put my poetry to song," Swig said. The poetry is yet another talent he can add to his repertoire to bolster his video and film career.

The Presidio's Clarence Swiggins is seizing his moment.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Seizing the moment, Clarence Swiggins gets the opinions of a young Oakland resident who has just attended the "Knowledge Conference III" May 21 at the Oakland Convention Center.



Jennifer Louie, "Seize the Moment Video Magazine"

Adjusting his camera settings, Swiggins prepares to videotape the "Bay Area Cable Excellence Awards" in Fremont, Calif.

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Presidio history outlined in forthcoming book

By Maj. Jeff Phillips
PAO Individual Mobilization Augmentee

Visitors who think the Presidio is, to say the least, uncrowded these downsized days would be shocked to step back 160 years — where chowhall lines were nonexistent and parking was never a problem.

In 1834, 12 years after Mexico took control of the Presidio from the retreating Spanish, Marinao Guadalupe Vallejo, post commander, moved its garrison north to Sonoma, despairing of support from Mexico sufficient to maintain the crumbling walls and rain-dissolved buildings.

He left behind six artillerymen and one officer. Within five years that crowd had dwindled to three, and they presumably deserted, leaving the post empty for a while; in 1840, a visiting Yankee found the old *castillo* in ruins, its guns corroding, and "one of its walls tumbled down, and another strongly disposed to plunge into the sea, and not the tenth of a soldier's heart beating for a hundred miles around . . ."

The Americans changed all that.

Retracing the history of a reclaimed and rebuilt Presidio, 218 years overlooking San Francisco Bay, is the task of the Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office. Awash in old photos and dense government histories, public affairs specialist Mike Murphy has blended accounts and images into the manuscript for a complimentary booklet tentatively entitled *The Presidio of San Francisco: 218 Years Guarding the Golden Gate. Presidio*, planned for release this summer, will be Sixth Army's look back, perhaps its final look back, through more than two centuries of military presence securing San Francisco Bay for three separate nations.

Murphy, with the Public Affairs Office since 1990, has assembled projects similar to *Presidio*, but none perhaps as historically significant.

Helped by Presidio historians from the National Park Service and the Army, he has a rich vein to mine but must concentrate his treasure.

"This is probably the last time we get to write a chapter of Army presence at the Presidio. We want it accurate and complete, yet topical — history and memories anyone can enjoy, learn from and keep," he said. "It's really an honor to be able to do something like this."

His efforts will result in a history tracing not just the tale of a fortress — more of a fort-*lette* in 1834 — but of Letterman Army Hospital, Crissy Field and Fort Winfield Scott (today's Fort Point), all integral to the Presidio's story.

Lavishly illustrated with photos and sketches, some rarely seen, *Presidio* will take the reader through the outpost years before Americans marched onto the deserted fort to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (no kidding).

It will describe every artilleryman's nightmare, an hours-long display of cannonading utterly unable to hit anywhere near the target.

Finally, it will leave open the most important chapter — the one written every day by Americans and their guests as they visit this most lovely of national historical sites. And that, for any journalist-turned-historian, is a chapter well-written.

Organization Day activities outlined

Star Presidian staff and Community Rec. Division, Sports Branch

The Sports Branch, community Recreation Division will conduct five events as part of the Presidio of San Francisco's Organization Day June 14.

All units and activities assigned to the Presidio are eligible to form a team. Awards will be presented to top teams in each event.

The events will include a guideon relay, basketball free throw contest, volleyball, potato sack race and the everpresent tug of war. Units and activities that want to participate should submit entry forms that are available at the Sports Branch Office, Building 63, prior to the organization day.

The Sixth U.S. Army Band and Sgt. 1st Class Darden will provide musical entertainment, and the ubiquitous dunking tank will be available for some wet fun.

There will also be egg tosing, putting, dart ballooning and water balloon tossing contests.

The guidon relay race will feature a one mile loop course. Five members per team will take turns carying their unit's guidon from start to finish. The team whose fifth (final) runner crosses the finish line first wins the race.

The potato sack relay will highlight four members per team. Each team forming a single line and each member will take turns running ten yards to a sack, getting in and hopping to the end of the course and back to the ten-yard line, then running to the finish line and touching a teammate.

The tug of war and volleyball teams will feature six members each. Volleyball will be conducted as a single elimineation tournament with teams playing two out of three games to 15 points.

Three-man teams will be used for the free throw contest. Each contestant will get to shoot as many free throws as possible in two minutes.

The top two teams will receive awards in each event.

Following is the sechedule of events for the organization day activities.

10 a.m. — Formation in the gym parking lot.
9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Registration for Historical Walk;
10 to 10:30 a.m. — Musical selections from the Sixth Army Band;
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Sgt. 1st Class Darden's disc spinning talents;
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Food booths operated by the Officers' Club and AAFES;
10:20 to 10:50 — Guideon race, conducted by the Sports Branch;
10:30 to 2:45 p.m. — Dunking booth, operated by Headquarters and Headquarters Company USAG;
10:45 to 11:30 — Basketball free throw contest (Sports Branch);
11:45 to 1 p.m. — Volleyball, unit teams, single elimination;
Novice Division, open to all, from **10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** Egg toss (DCST), dart balloons (DCSOPS) and water balloon toss (Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic).

Operation Readiness and Evaluation will coordinate the putting contest until 1 p.m.

Afternoon contests will include:
1 to 1:30 p.m. — Potato sack race (Sports Branch);
1:30 to 2:15 — Tug of war (Sports Branch);
2 p.m. — Music by the Sixth Army Band;
2:30 — Formation for awards presentations.

All times are estimated. For more information, contact the Sports Branch's Bob Darling or Bobbie Gascon, at **561-4120** or **561-4131**.

A special thank you

Presidians take care of their own

What with the post's downsizing, soldiers and employees transitioning and all of the stress that accompanies this atmosphere, it is nice to know that there are Presidians who are willing to go to someone in need and say "I care."

As this is the Presidio Focus section, I'm going to take this space to focus on some Presidians who came to my wife's physical and emotional aid in her (somewhat long) time of need. These people ranged from emergency technicians answering a frantic late-evening call, to civilian employees calling or visiting her hospital room, to those who sent the many cards, flowers and other gifts.

About four weeks ago my wife Doreen, who is afflicted with diabetes, suffered an insulin reaction after her blood sugar level dropped dangerously low. The Presidio Fire Department's paramedics and Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic's emergency medical technicians answered the call promptly and showed her extreme, professional courtesy. Law Enforcement Company's Spc. Maggie Ward, who also answered the call, showed the utmost respect and civility while monitoring the situation.

Unfortunately, during her hospital stay my wife was forced to undergo an amputation of her right leg. It seems an infection had caused her insulin reaction and this was the only way to stop its spread.

Last week she briefly took a turn for the worse and was found in bed with no vital signs, her heart not beating. Thank God, she was revived within the hour. Doreen is home now, and she has learned first hand that Presidians care. You showed that to her while she was still hospitalized.

Instead of allowing her to sulk in despair, Capt. Tracy Sharp and 1st Sgt. Richard L. Griego decorated her hospital room with a fruit basket on behalf of Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, commander, Headquarters Command Battalion, presented a planter of yellow mums on behalf of the battalion, and Sgt. 1st Class Titus and Mrs. Juanita Whitehead added purple mums.

The Public Affairs Office and the Presidio Gospel Service added more cards and flowers, and Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Dolinger, Command Sgt. Maj. Linda K. Boudy and Spc. Olive Glanville and her daughter Kim made personal visits to her bedside. Maria Byars gave her spiritual strength, and her 3-year-old daughter Brianna Byars sang a song for her. Many others called with words of encouragement. Sgt. 1st Class Dirk Robinson brought a basket of potpourri and frangrances to our home on behalf of the Sixth U.S. Army Band.

To all of you (too many to name), we say thank you. Your medicine was just as good as anything the doctors had.

Sincerely,
Staff Sgt. Pleasant and Mrs. Doreen Lindsey

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household good claims and other claims for damage to personal property after that date will be the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Ord. However, soldiers will be able and are encouraged to file their claims and DD Forms 1840 at the Office of the Sixth U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate. That office will ensure that your claim package is complete and forward it to Fort Ord.

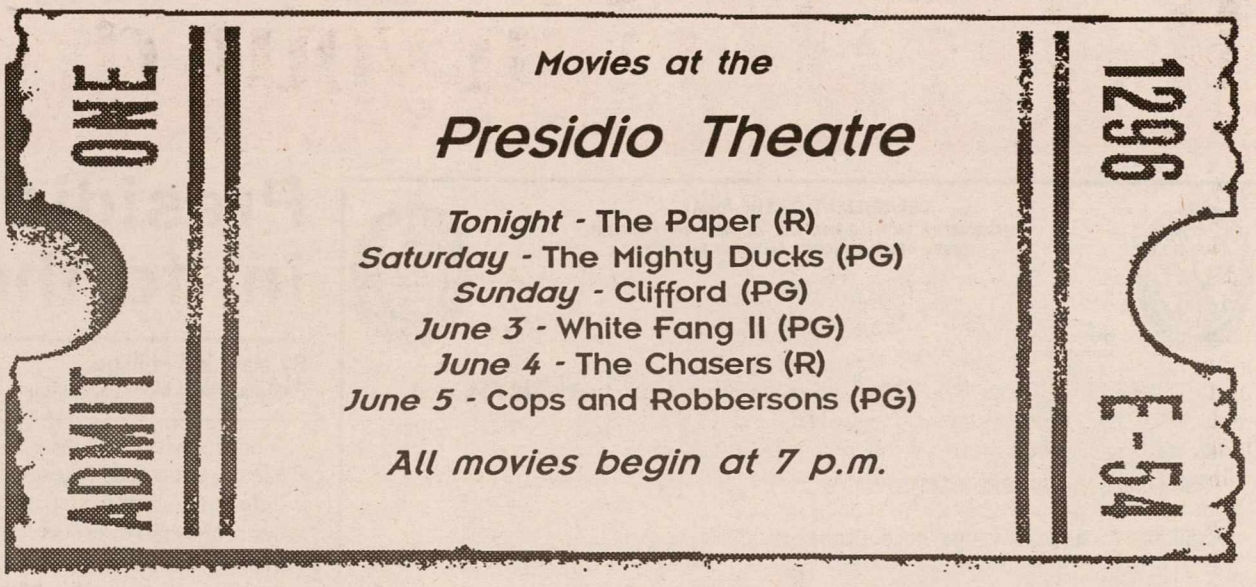
Due to the large volume of claims filed at Fort Ord and the personnel shortage at that office, personnel claims filed after June 29 and sent to Fort Ord may take as long as two to three months to be paid. Therefore, all soldiers are encouraged to file their claims at the Garrison Office of the Staff Judge Advocate no later than June 29. All claims filed by that date will be paid as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Claims Office at **561-4907**.

Hazardous waste disposal

To dispose of hazardous waste (paint, oil, etc.) that is generated or found on the Presidio, please contact the DPW Environmental Office at **561-3024/6361** for assistance and guidance on proper turn-in procedures. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact Chris Webb at **561-3024**.

Commissary council

The PSF Commissary Council Meeting is at 9:30 a.m., June 3, in the Commissary Conference Room, Building 653. Members or alternates are required to attend; advisors, mayors, ACS representatives and commissary customers are encouraged to participate.



Tuition assistance

The Education Center has no funding available for the Army Tuition Assistance Program from now through Sept. 30. Funding after Oct. 1 will be determined by Fort Lewis, Wash. Soldiers are invited to contact the Education Center to discuss options such as testing for credit and in-service use of VA benefits.

Spouse group

The Presidio Spouses Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m., June 13, at the Religious Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship, and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. We'll be having a pizza party sponsored by AAFES. If you are a military spouse who lives on the Presidio, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

ROA barbecue

The Reserve Officers' Association, Presidio Chapter 6, will hold their annual barbecue and fund raising raffle at the Presidio Yacht Club, June 5. The festivities start at 2 p.m. and dinner (filet mignon) with all the trimmings will be served at 4 p.m. You are invited!

Make reservations with Col. (ret.) Angus Loop, 30 Hacienda Lane, El Sobrante, Calif., 94803, or call Col. Loop at **(510) 223-1000** for information.

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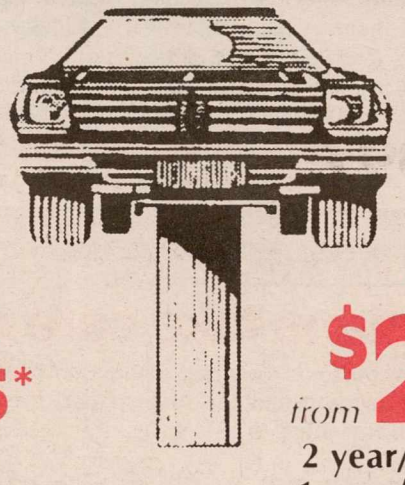

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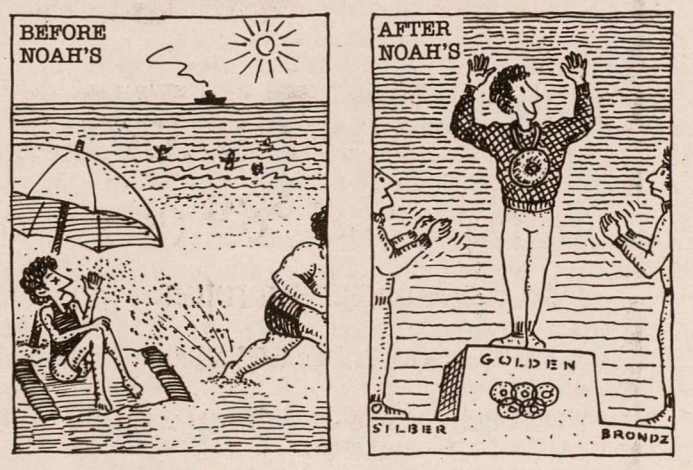

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Reduce lead in your drinking water

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Here is some more information on lead abatement methods for your home.

Identify and replace lead materials with lead-free ones. If your copper pipes are joined with lead solder that has been installed illegally since it was banned in 1986, notify the DPW Plumbing Shop, **561-5798**, and request that they replace the lead solder with lead-free solder. Lead solder looks dull gray, and when scratched with a key, looks shiny. In addition, notify the Presidio Environmental Office about the violation by calling **561-4067**.

Find out whether the service line that connects your home or apartment building to the water main is made of lead. The best way to determine if your service line is made of lead is by requesting a licensed DPW plumber to inspect the line, who may in turn contact the contractor who installed the line. You can indentify the plumbing contractor by checking with the DPW Plumbing Shop, which should maintain the files. A licensed plumber can, at the same time, check to see if your home's plumbing contains lead solder, lead pipes, or pipe fittings that contain lead.

The public water system that delivers water to your home should also maintain a record of the materials located in your distribution system. If the service line that connects your dwelling to the water main contributes more than 15 parts per billion to drinking water after our comprehensive treatment program is in place, we are required to replace the line. We must also take a follow-up tap water sample within 14 days of the replacement. Acceptable replacement alternatives include copper, steel, iron, and plastic pipes.

Have an electrician check your wiring. If grounding wires from the electrical system are attached to your pipes, corrosion may be greater. Check with a licensed electrician or your local electrical code to determine if your wiring can be grounded elsewhere.

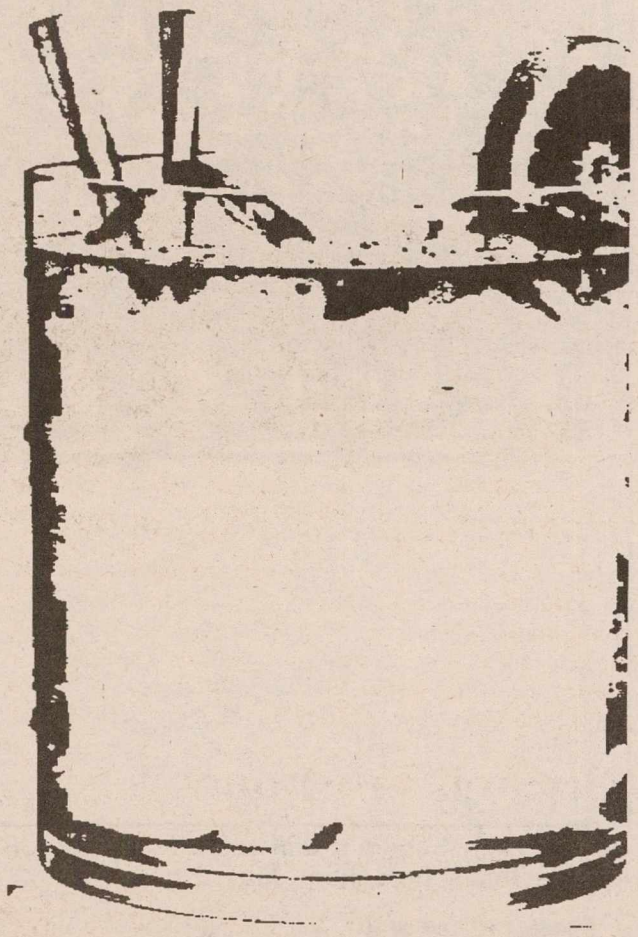
DO NOT attempt to change the wiring yourself because improper grounding can cause electrical shock and fire hazards.

Taking the steps described above should reduce the lead concentrations in your drinking water. However, if a water test indicates that the drinking water coming from your tap contains lead concentrations in excess of 15 ppb after flushing, after we have completed our actions to minimize lead levels, then you may want to take these additional measures:

Purchase or lease a home treatment device. Treatment devices are limited in that each unit treats only the water that flows from the faucet to which it is connected, and all of the devices require periodic maintenance and replacement. Devices such as reverse osmosis systems or distillers can effectively remove lead from your drinking water. Some activated carbon filters may reduce lead levels at the tap. However, all lead reduction claims should be investigated. Be sure to check the actual performance of a specific home treatment device before and after installing the unit.

Purchase bottled water for drinking and cooking.

Should you wish to have your water tested for lead, contact the DPW Environmental Office at **561-4067**.



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JROTC Competition

Balboa High School's drill team leads the JROTC group in a pass in review during the opening ceremonies of the competition among local schools held here May 21.

Drill teams amaze spectators with weapon, drill expertise

HooAh Sir!

The Wilson High School Drill team performs weapons movements during the JROTC competeition held on the Presidio May 21. The Wilson Drill team all wore drill sergeant hats and manipulated their weapons with great ease. Before they began the competition they were sounding off, "Yes Sir!" when their leader spoke to them. As they walked off the drill pad, after the opening ceremonies they walked so slowly, it was amazing that they could stay in step at that rate. After they finished their performance, they ran off the parking lot leaving the crowd in awe.

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Teenagers attired in drill sergeant hats executed weapons movements while marching and sounding off with, "SIR!"

Their eyes could not be seen through the brims of their hat and their faces were shadowed with concentration. But the weapons' swift movements could not be missed.

People watched in amazement at the Wilson High School drill team's performance.

Junior ROTC competition was held at the Presidio May 21. The competition was sponsored by the 91st Division Exercise at Fort Baker, Calif.

Spectators yelled in support of their school teams and held signs with phrases such as, "You better believe it, Lincoln."

Lincoln High School's cheerleading squad came out with a routine convincing the judges they would take first, by singing, "Judges be prepared to say we're number one."

The performances of each team were enjoyed by all. The performances of each group, showed that much time, effort and concentration were put into their work. The teams impressed their instructors, teachers and fellow students.

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without an appointment they may have to wait some time before they can get their card. If the clerks are out-processing other soldiers, they won't be able to make an ID card. They will be able to operate the section. They are good, hard-working soldiers who will continue to support the soldiers here."

Four soldiers will remain at the Personnel Administration Center, which will be located at the Headquarters Commandant, Building 1027. The PAC will be closed today and Tuesday except for extreme emergencies. It will reopen for limited business on June 2 and be in full operation by June 6.

"Soldiers should go to their PAC first," Bowman urged. "Recomps and transactions will still be done, but they will be initiated at the PAC level. Everything will still happen, but it won't be as timely.

"Things will be done by mail, fax and telephone. You can't wait until the last minute to add something into your recomp like you could when MILPO was here," she continued. "It will take more effort on everyone's part."

Soldiers remaining here and who wish to add something to their records should go through their PAC. They will then send the additions or changes to Fort Lewis.

Currently, there is no way for the soldiers to know if something was actually added to their records except during their yearly birthday audits, according to Bowman.

"I believe the system will work. It works for two thirds of the soldiers in the Army now. All recruiters' records are handled this way," Bowman said. "PAC will make sure the mission is accomplished. It will take some getting used to, but it will work. This MILPO processed transactions and kept the records of soldiers from four Readiness Groups and five other separate units. There was no problem then and there shouldn't be problems now," she said.

Promotion boards will still be held at the Headquarters Command Battalion, however, Fort Lewis will process the transaction and ensure the promotion points are in effect the same month the soldier attends the board.

"We'll get copies of their records before they attend the board," said Staff Sgt. Katherine Ricks, Headquarters Command Battalion. "There shouldn't be any problem or a delay."

"If you have any problem that is MILPO related contact Sgt. Maj. Hansell. He is the AG and battalion sergeant major," Bowman said. "He will work with Fort Lewis to resolve the problems."

MILPO soldiers have been assigned to different sections throughout the Presidio until they PCS or ETS. If problems do occur, these soldiers will be here to assist in resolving situations.

"We know where the MILPO soldiers are located," Bowman said. "They will be here to answer any questions.

"I think it was a good decision to close the MILPO. It will get people thinking toward closure," she continued. "MILPO people are still here to help resolve issues. It's not like we are leaving cold turkey. There will be a transition period that will give people time to get used to having transactions processed at Fort Lewis."

The remaining MILPO soldiers are working at seven different sections throughout the post.

"They are helping keep the soldier support activities open longer, such as the gym. This is part of normal base closure. These soldiers are helping other sections prepare for closure," Bowman said. "We are giving garrison some extra support with their operations."

Although the MILPO is closed, there will still be support for the Presidio soldiers.

"We want to stress to the soldiers that there is still personnel support available. They need to start at PAC," concluded Bowman. "People will just need to start everything a little earlier and allow 10 days for processing time. They won't be able to walk into the MILPO and get something done immediately, but everything will still be done."

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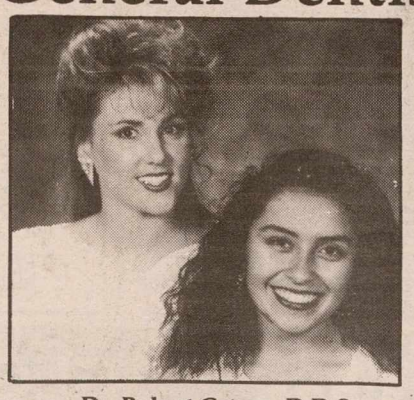

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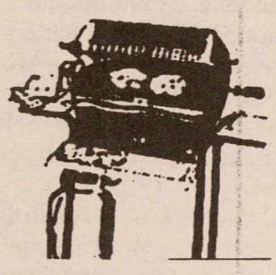

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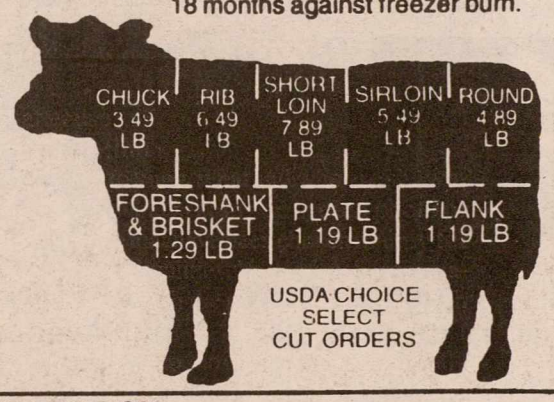

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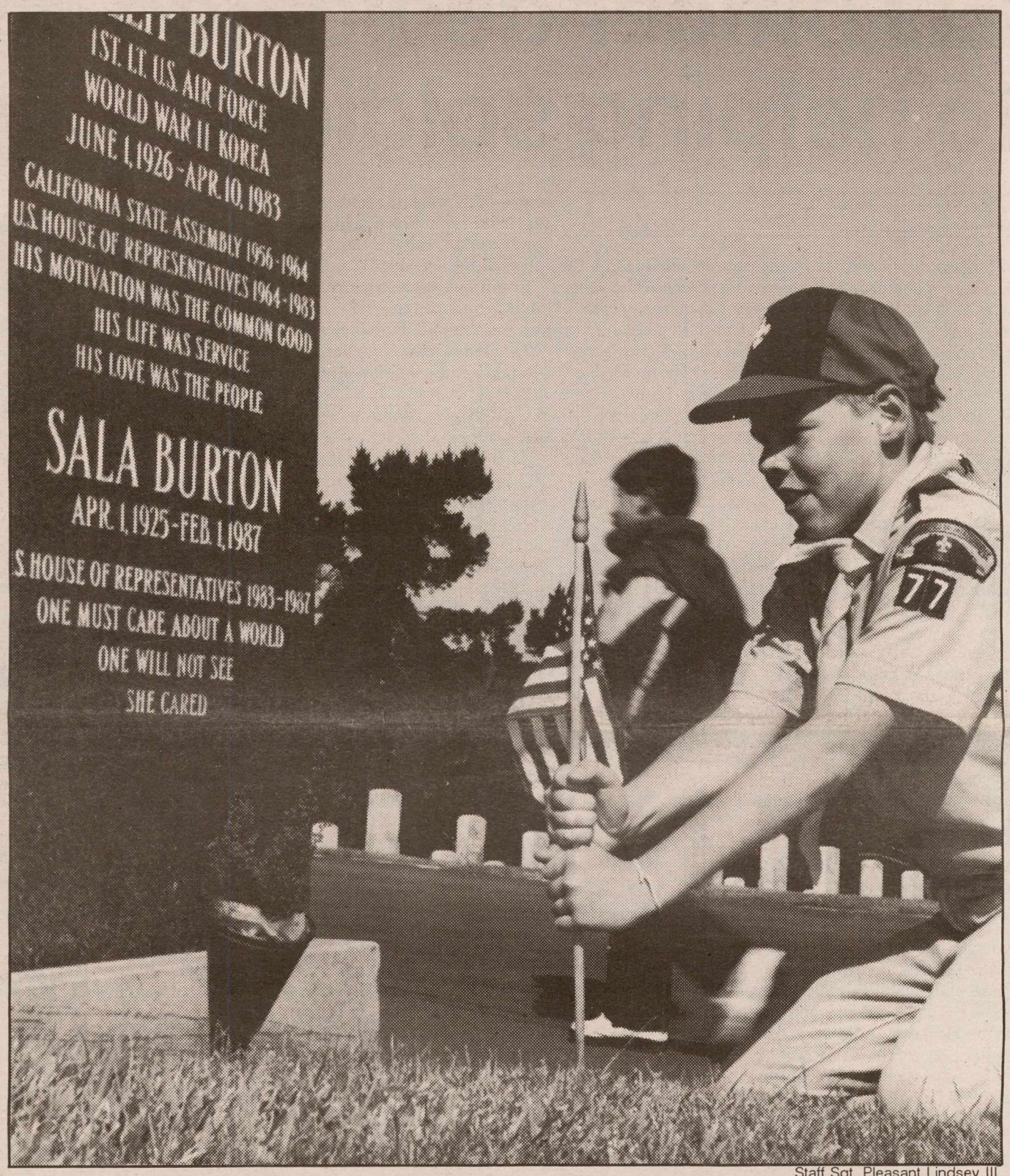

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Robert Shaw of Presidio Boy Scout Troop 77 places a flag by the gravestone of Phillip and Sala Burton May 28 in the San Francisco National Cemetery here. Hundreds of Scouts here and Scout troops and Cub Scout packs all over the country placed flags at similar sites nationwide to observe Memorial Day. Phillip Burton crafted the legislation creating the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Presidians work to improve Army families' quality of life

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Presidians gathered in the conference room of Building 103B and addressed issues affecting the Army today and did something about them.

Army Community Service held an Army Family Action Planning symposium which allowed soldiers, family members and civilian employees to discuss issues which could improve the quality of life and readiness of the Total Army.

"This is a great program. We've discussed very important quality of life issues," said Vickie Crider, family services coordinator. "The program was developed in the early 80s, and every year it gets better."

Crider was involved in the program in Europe at the time it was started and says that quality of life improvements have occurred as a direct result of these symposiums.

The group began their discussion at 3 p.m. Karen Kahoe led the forum. Their goal was to finish formulating the issues by 5 p.m., which generated excitement and activity.

Several issues were brought up, including health care, equal opportunity, education benefits, child care, morale support activities, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, cost of living allowances and more.

Participants broke up into four groups to formulate the issues, scope and recommendations.

"This committee is designed to provide input on soldier and family issues Army wide. We are providing an avenue to make positive changes and help soldiers and family members throughout the Army not just at the Presidio," Crider said. "All of the issues that were brought up in this symposium will be sent to the Garrison commander for review. Issues that are pertinent Army-wide will be forwarded to

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Staff Sgt. Lavonne Taylor, NCOIC, legal assistance office, Staff Judge Advocate, submitted an "Ask the Commander" question. She asked, "What will soldiers do when there is no longer an Equal Opportunity Office on post? Being an equal opportunity representative, I am concerned for the soldiers. Where will they go if they have a complaint? If they come to me with a complaint, and there is no equal opportunity office here, I will have nowhere to turn."

The response to this question was that equal opportunity complaints and cases will be handled by Fort Lewis, Wash. They will be sent by mail, according to Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, Headquarters Command Battalion commander. At this time the EO Office is now a Headquarters Command Battalion function.

EO officer dedicated to helping soldiers

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Commanders have only 14 days to respond to an Equal Opportunity complaint now that there has been a change to Army Regulation 600-20. Along with that change, victims have seven days to appeal a decision on that complaint.

If a soldier has not received feedback on his case on the 14th day of a formal complaint, the case will be referred to the next higher commander. EO will be the monitoring factor to ensure this time line is met. The commander will receive the written complaint no later tahn 60 days after date of incident. It will be referred to the appropriate command within 3 calendar days for active components and one drill period for Reserve units. The soldier must receive feedback on the 14th day for active duty and on the third drill period for Reserve units. Extensions of 30 days for active Army and three drill periods for Reserve units may be granted by the next commander in extenuating circumstances. Active duty sodliers have seven days to appeal and reserve sodliers have one drill period.'

With these changes, the Presidio Equal Opportunity officer has an even tougher mission to accomplish.

"There's no part of the job that's easy," admitted Angela Brumfield. "I would have to say the most difficult part is *making commanders realize we are not against them*, but we are here to help prevent equal opportunity complaints and educate soldiers."

"It is our job to educate the commanders and the soldiers about equal opportunity so they won't be afraid of EO, but will promote the program, said Brumfield. "We don't only handle complaints, but we act as a deterrent against sexual or racial discrimination."

Training must be sequential and progressive based upon the level of expertise and experience o the soldiers being trained. The equal opportunity program is designed to ensure fair treatment of all soldiers based solely on merit, fitness and capability, which supports readiness.

The EO office soldiers and family members. It is their job to contribute to mission accomplishment, cohesion and readiness, according to AR 600-20.

The EO officer said that frequently problems can be resolved if soldiers just come in and talk to her, allowing the EO office to resolve the problem at the lowest level.

"There have been times when soldiers immediately want to go to the Inspector General and their congressmen," said Staff Sgt. Lavonne Taylor, an EO representative for Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "We are able to resolve problems at low levels before they even get to the commander. A lot of times the soldiers just need someone to listen to their problems. That way they feel better and sometimes that's what they really needed. Many times after talking it out, the soldiers calm down and they can be sent in the right direction instead of going straight to their congressman. They said at our school that 90 percent of our job would be listening."

Brumfield, who is a former Marine, not only is responsible for educating units on the Presidio, but she also assesses the units and handles complaints of soldiers.

"Sometimes the complaints are not made formal, and oftentimes the soldiers just need to express their concerns or they just want to make someone else aware of a situation," Brumfield said. "We're here past duty hours many nights to help soldiers. It also helps the command and mission."

An informal complaint is normally used for lesser offenses, unwritten and is not required to be reported to the commander. Limited confidentiality may sometimes be used to resolve informal complaints. Brumfield says that dealing with reprisals is another difficult part of being dedicated to the equal opportunity of all soldiers.

"We act as a safety valve with other agencies when a complainant perceives a problem with the chain of command. We then have an increased role in response to reprisals," she added. "Oftentimes soldiers don't make formal complaints for fear of reprisal. A soldier should not face retribution after making a complaint, but there are times when that happens, whether it is purposely or not. We try to prevent it, but if it does happen, we will respond."

The EO office is also required to have a hotline, according to the Interiem change. It must provide procedural information to callers on filing complaints and to assist in clarifying which actions consitute sexual harrassment and discriminiatory behavior. The Presidio hotline is **H-ARAS** or **561-2727**.

The role of the EO officer goes beyond handling complaints, educating and assessing units. She also has to put together programs for ethnic celebrations.

"Despite the downsizing, soldiers are still very interesting in ethnic events. I think the ethnic events we hold here are very important. The soldiers always tell me that they enjoy them and learned a lot about other cultures," she said. "How can we work with each other if we don't understand our various cultures? These events help us build working relationships and cohesion throughout the units."

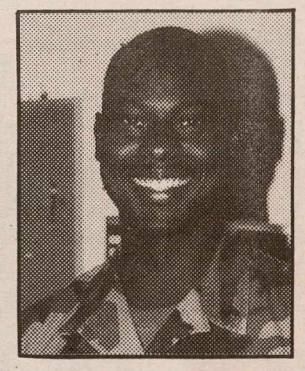
Despite her busy schedule and stress of the Presidio's transition, Brumfield will be there for the soldiers even if with each case she resolves she gains an enemy.

"I care about the soldiers here, and I will do whatever I can to help them. They come first," Brumfield concluded. "I believe there needs to be a presence of EO for victims and those who might be offenders. Because we're here, victims have a place to turn for help, and those who might be offenders know what will happen if they don't treat everyone fairly. EO protects and benefits everyone."

Attention, *Star Presidian* readers! Like so many other offices in these days of downsizing, our staff is decreasing. As a result, we are no longer able to provide photographic support for your ceremonies. Please call the Presidio Training and Support Center at 561-2106 to obtain a photographer. We will be glad to publish any photographs or submissions provided to us by deadline, which is noon on the Friday before the newspaper comes out.

Ask Presidians

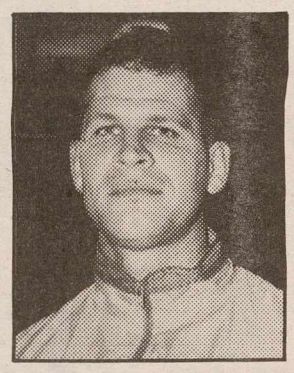
What questions or concerns would you like the Garrison Commander to address?



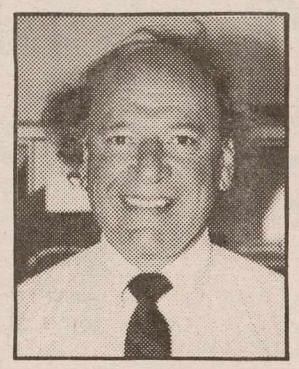
Sgt. David Cameron, supply sergeant, LUSAHC: "I have two concerns. When will the soldiers in the barracks get microwaves for their rooms now that the dining facility is closing? When the soldiers are moved into other barracks, will the transfer of services, such as telephone and cable, be paid for or will the soldiers have to pay for this?"

Sgt. Brenton Reeves, legal NCO, Criminal Law Section, SJA: "Is the indoor firing range at Fort Scott still available for use? If so, how can we secure the keys to use it? If it is not open, is there anywhere soldiers can go to fire their personal weapons?"

Spc. Monique Barnes, protocol assistant, Sixth U.S. Army: "Why are the theater and bowling alley closing when there are still soldiers here? Will there be some form of affordable activities and entertainment provided to the soldiers?



Staff Sgt. Richard Henson, Regional Training Brigade, Sixth U.S. Army: "Since there is no finance office here, how will a problem be resolved if a young soldier with a family gets a 'no pay due?' AER is not always the answer. What if it takes more than one month to fix the problem?"



Isadore Rosenthal, chief of staffing and classification, CPO: "We are losing more employees, and I am concerned that people will always expect us to be able to continue business as usual. However, there has to be a cut off date. We need the command to show acceptance of this so others will also accept it.

By Spc. Adrienne Story

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Outplacement opportunities with Park Service, other agencies announced

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here is the latest series of vacancies listed through the Presidio Outplacement Office. For information on these positions, call Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430**.

National Park Service, San Francisco: Contract Specialist, Administrative Assistant.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Martinez, Calif.: Nuclear Medicine Technician (Part Time).

Navy Public Works Center, Oakland, Calif.: Plumber, Carpenter, Insulator, Pipe Fitter, Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic, Painter, Floor Coverer, Pharmacist, Health Technician.

Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.: Historian (two vacancies), Equal Employment Specialist, Scheduling Administrator, Personnel Clerk, Computer Specialist (three vacancies), Public Affairs Specialist.

Defense Contract Management District West: Management Analyst.

Exploratorium, San Francisco: Program Assistant to Director of Public Programs, Summer Exhibit Cleaner.

San Mateo County, Calif.: Senior LAN Analyst, Medical Records Technician, Medical Services Assistant, Pharmacist, Radiologic Technologist, Senior Physical Therapist, Surgical Technologist, School Bus Driver (Temporary, Part Time), Charge Nurse, Licensed Psychiatric Technician, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Public Health Nurse, Staff Nurse.

***Marin* County, Calif.**: Health & Human Services *Information Systems* Supervisor.

Orange County, Calif.: Accounting Assistant, Architect/Engineer Project Manager, Communications Technician, Network Specialist, Civil Engineer.

Clark County Personnel Department, Las Vegas, Nevada: General Clerical.

Department of Energy, Las Vegas, Nevada: Program Manager, Environmental Engineer/General Engineer/Industrial, Scientist/Physical Scientist/Health Physicist.

Here are some addresses to write with inquiries about employment possibilities.

Europe, Middle East and Africa:
USAREUR Civilian Recruitment Office
ATTN: AEAGA-CRC
APO New York 09403

Far East:
Civilian Personnel Center, Hawaii
WESTPAC Support Office
P.O. Box 50148
Honolulu, HI 96850

Alaska and Panama:
Civilian Personnel Office
HQ, FORSCOM
ATTN: AFPR-CPS
Fort McPherson, GA 30330

For applications and inquiries to the Army Corps of Engineers:

Europe:
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Pulaski Building
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U.S. Army Engineer Division, Middle East (Rear)
ATTN: MEDPO-S
P.O. Box 2250
Winchester, VA 22601

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The Presidio Yacht Club is looking for a **Business Manager**. This is a regular part time (32 hours per week) position, Friday through Monday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., at Fort Baker, Calif. Submit or pick up applications (DA Form 3433) at Civilian Personnel Office, Non-Appropriated Funds Division, Bldg. 37. Contact Gil Funes at **561-2947/5095** for information.

The National Park Service is recruiting for the following positions with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Submit application and other required documents to Golden Gate National Recreation Area, ATTN: Personnel, Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123.

Clerk Typist (OA), GS-322-04. Announcement Number GOGA-94R-33 closes June 6. Typing requirement is 40 words per minute. Applicants must have taken the clerical examination given by the Office of Personnel Management.

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Agency announces 20 new finance sites

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Information Service

Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch has announced the selection of 20 sites for Defense Finance and Accounting Service satellite offices.

The selection consolidates almost 300 finance and accounting offices to 25. The current centers in Indianapolis, Kansas City, Cleveland, Denver and Columbus, Ohio, will remain. The consolidation will halve the organization's work force to 23,000 over the next several years, Deutch said.

In a related move, he announced Southbridge, Mass., as the site for the Center for Financial Management Education and Training. The center will employ several hundred people when fully functioning.

The satellite offices will employ about 750 people and bring a total annual payroll of about $25 million to the selected communities. Officials expect the satellite offices to pump an additional $23 million yearly into the communities through contracts, services and construction.

The satellite offices will be at Fort Ord, Calif.; Norton Air Force Base, Calif.; Oakland Naval Supply Center, Calif.; San Diego; Orlando Naval Training Center, Fla.; Pensacola, Fla.; Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.; Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky.; Loring Air Force Base, Maine; St. Louis; Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y.; Gentile Air Force Base, Ohio; Newark Air Force Base, Ohio; Fort Sill, Okla.; Charleston Naval Shipyard, S.C.; Memphis Naval Air Station, Tenn.; San Antonio; and Norfolk, Va.

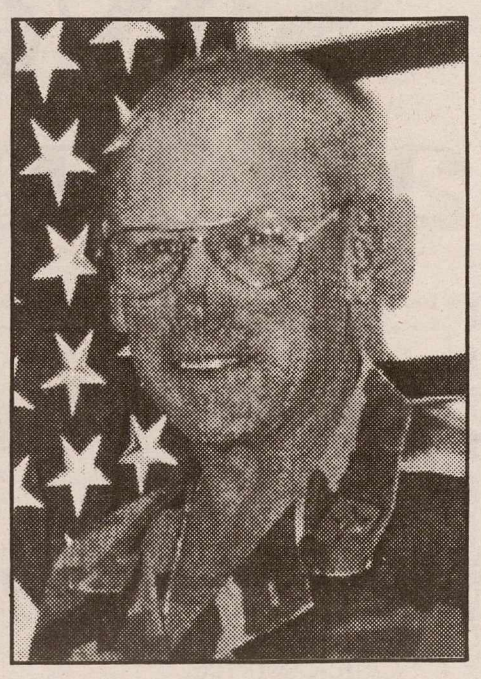
Under the plan, the five major centers will disburse money, and the satellite offices will handle accounting, contracts and other aspects of financial management, a senior defense official said.

This is the second time DoD has gone through this selection process. The Bush administration nominated 20 sites for five large centers. Then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin stopped the process in March 1993, calling it "questionable public policy." Under that selection process, communities "bid" for the centers.

Officials based this selection process on four criteria: total cost to the United States, customer service capability, use of excess defense assets and availability of a good labor supply. They devised 10 different weighting systems and ran 173 sites through each.

"The same sites kept appearing on each list," Deutch said. He chose those with the most appearances.

Retired officer dies of cancer



Following a lengthy battle against non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Col. William H. "Bill" Ott succumbed to his illness on Saturday, May 28, while a patient at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Ott recently retired after more than 30 years of service. Included among his many assignments was his most recent as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Sixth U. S. Army, headquartered at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. Bill Ott was raised in Waco, Texas, where his mother, Jean, still resides. He attended Baylor University in Waco, and joined the U. S. Army in 1963. A year later, he earned his commission as an officer at the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla. During his distinguished military career, he completed his bachelor's degree at Cameron University, Lawton, Okla., as well as earning degrees at the Command and General Staff College, the National War College, and his Masters from Central Michigan University. During his Army career, Ott served two tours in Vietnam, as well as two tours in Germany. Among the many awards that he earned were the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star and other awards from foreign allies. A memorial service will be held in Col. Ott's honor at the New Post Chapel, Fort Sill, Okla., at 10 a.m. today. Ott is survived by his wife, Sue, a son, Bill, Jr., a daughter, Dana and a brother, Richard. He was 52 at the time of his death.

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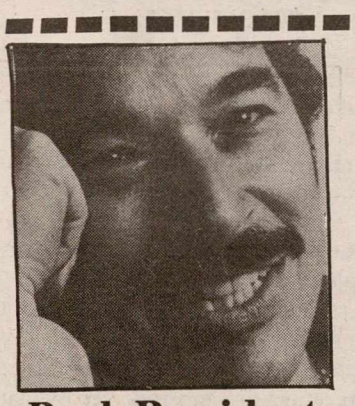

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News briefs

State Primary dates

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Colorado, Aug. 9; **Georgia**, July 19; **Kansas**, Aug. 2; **Maine**, June 14; **Michigan**, Aug. 2; **Mississippi**, June 7; **South Carolina**, Aug. 9; **Tennessee**, Aug. 4.

Battle of Normandy event

The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy will be observed at 7 p.m. Sunday, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street. The Sixth U.S. Army Band, conducted by CWO3 Orville Gannon, will play during the display of flags by U.S. and Allied Veterans. This observance also marks the California premiere of "An American Requiem" by James DeMars. This is the first requiem ever composed in the history of U.S. Music. The requiem will be performed by the Classic Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Laurence Kohl, with a special Requiem Chorus composed of the Bay Area's finest choral ensembles conducted by Suzanne Swerdlow. For information or reservations, call **584-2032**. Proceeds will benefit veterans' associations and other Bay Area charities.

JAG news

Due to the closure of the Office of the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate, the Garrison Legal Assistance Office will be permanently closed and will not provide any legal assistance after June 29. The Office of the Sixth U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate, Building 39, 3rd Floor, will begin providing limited legal assistance July 5. The new phone number is **561-3131**.

The Claims Division at the Office of the Garrison Staff Judge Advocate will also close June 29 and will no longer adjudicate claims. The office responsible for adjudicating household goods claims and other claims for damage to personal property after that date will be the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Ord. However, soldiers will be able and are encouraged to file their claims and DD Forms 1840 at the Office of the Sixth U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate. That office will ensure that your claim package is complete and forward it to Fort Ord.

Due to the large volume of claims filed at Fort Ord and the personnel shortage at that office, personnel claims filed after June 29 and sent to Fort Ord may take as long as two to three months to be paid. Therefore, all soldiers are encouraged to file their claims at the Garrison Office of the Staff Judge Advocate no later than June 29. All claims filed by that date will be paid as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Claims Office at **561-4907**.

Hazardous waste disposal

To dispose of hazardous waste (paint, oil, etc.) that is generated or found on the Presidio, please contact the DPW Environmental Office at **561-3024/6361** for assistance and guidance on proper turn-in procedures. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact Chris Webb at **561-3024**.

Tuition assistance

The Education Center has no funding available for the Army Tuition Assistance Program from now through Sept. 30. Funding after Oct. 1 will be determined by Fort Lewis, Wash. Soldiers are invited to contact the Education Center to discuss options such as testing for credit and in-service use of VA benefits.

Spouse group

The Presidio Spouses Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m., June 13, at the Religious Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship, and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. We'll be having a pizza party sponsored by AAFES. If you are a military spouse who lives on the Presidio, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

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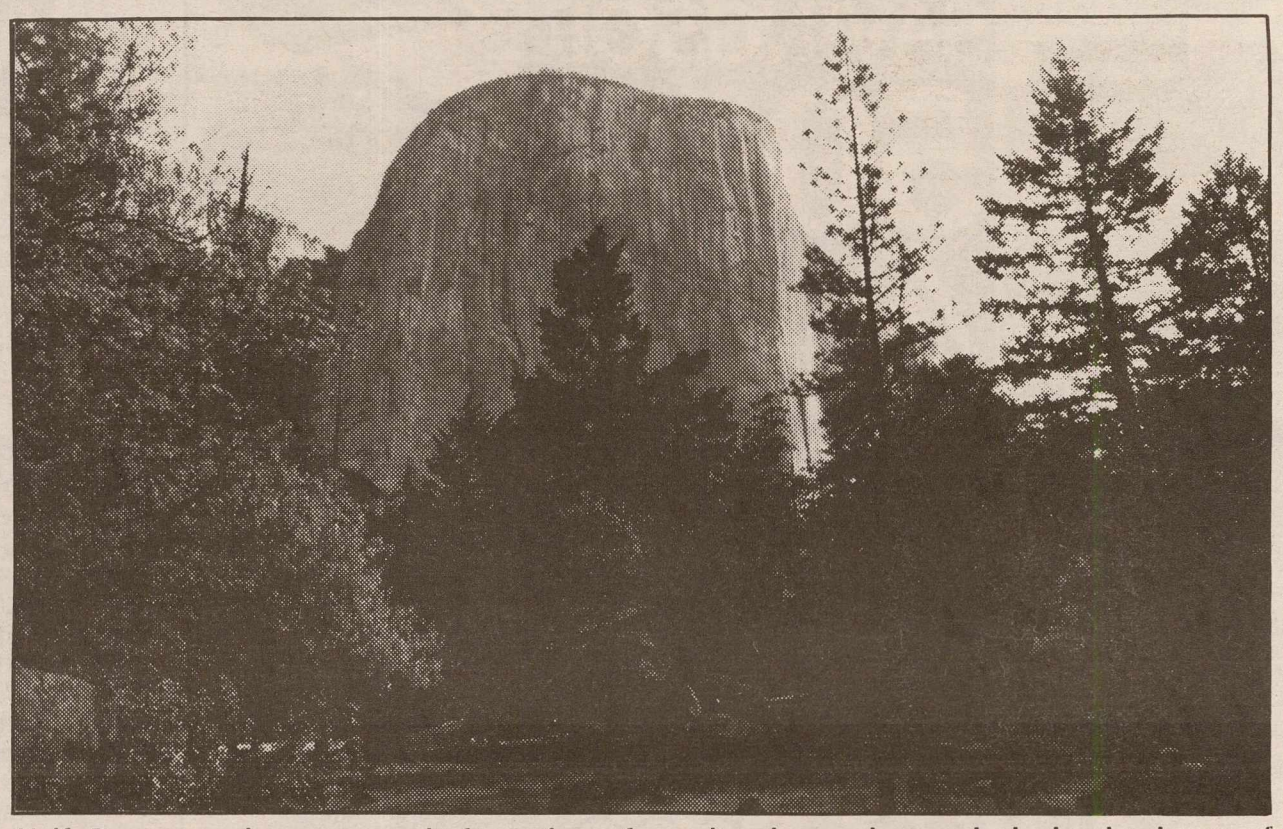
Yosemite National Park

Incomparable valley, scenery

Story and photos by Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux
Deputy Public Affairs Officer



Half Dome, an immense rock formation of granite, looms impressively in the heart of Yosemite Valley as seen from a hiking trail near Bridalveil Falls.

It took almost three years of living in California for me to visit Yosemite National Park, but I finally did it two weeks ago. The scenery was spectacular, but the experience was a spectacular disappointment.

Everything you've probably heard about the crowds is true, and I was there during the week, in the off-season, or so I thought. Maybe it was because the weather was cold and rainy that every building in the park was filled with people who would otherwise have been out hiking. Everywhere I turned, I bumped into someone who seemed to be as irritated as I was at the crowded conditions. So if crowds bother you, don't even consider visiting the park known as the "Incomparable Valley." I suggest you save yourself a four-hour drive and lots of trouble and go hiking in the Marin Headlands or anywhere else in the Bay Area. But if you really must see it for yourself, here is some information to consider.

To get there from San Francisco, I took Interstate 580 east to the exit past Livermore, then Interstate 205 to Tracy, and then California Highway 120 east to Yosemite--about 250 miles. On Highway 120, there are plenty of signs pointing the way to Yosemite, so you won't need a map.

From Manteca, the scenery was fields of orchards and vineyards, sprinkled with roadside places to buy fresh fruits and nuts. This area is known as the San Joaquin Valley, where the land is covered with almond, apple, cherry, kiwi, orange and pear trees, and strawberry fields where you can stop and pick your own. This is an area well worth a trip itself.

About 45 miles past Manteca, the highway began climbing in elevation and crossed over a high ridge before dropping down into the Yosemite Valley, which is at an elevation of about 2,000 feet.

My passengers and I entered at the Big Oak Flat entrance, where we paid the entrance fee of $5 per vehicle. The cost is $3 per person if conveyed by bus, bicycle, motorcycle or horse (or if on foot). The fee covers a 7-day stay in the park with unlimited in and out privileges. That was the one and only bargain we got (more on that later).

After driving about 10 miles into the park, we were treated to the first views of the huge rock formations of the Yosemite Valley that have been impressing so many visitors for at least 100 years. There were parking areas often alongside the road where we could stop to take photographs, which we did.

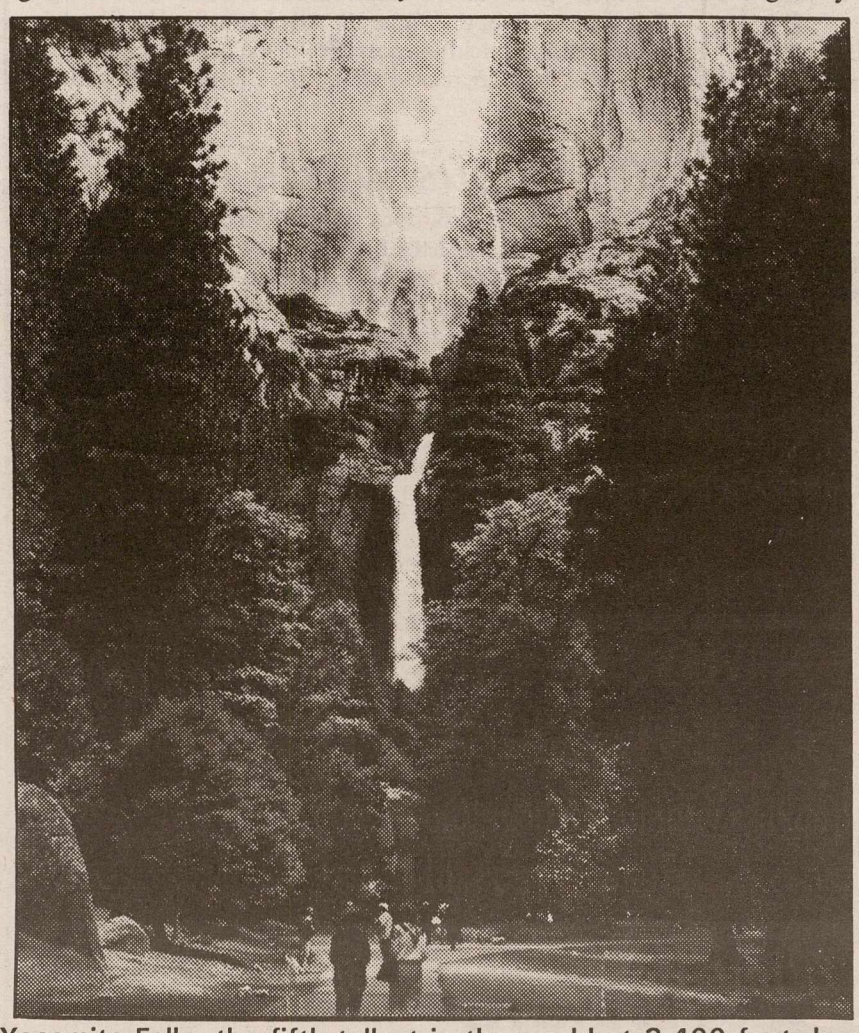
As we got closer to the main attractions, including El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, Sentinel Dome, Half Dome and Yosemite Falls, there were more cars lining the roadside. The closer we got to the Valley Visitor Center, the more it began to look like the San Francisco Bay Area at rush hour--and this was on a Monday around 1 p.m. in the off season!

We stopped at the gift shop and grocery store to procure a few souvenir, long-sleeved T-shirts, especially since we needed warmer clothing than we had brought, considering the high temperature was 45 degrees. We also bought a few staples at the grocery store to supplement what we had brought, because we would be staying in a condominium and planned on making most of our meals. The fact that the store takes credit cards is a good indication of its prices.

There were several large camping areas near the store and gift shops, and they all looked filled to capacity.

The Visitor Center had displays explaining the valley's formation and detailing its features with video programs, slide shows and large relief maps. This helped us decide what we wanted to see and do during our stay, and we picked up brochures on park activities. The Tuolumne Valley portion of the park was closed and is only open in the summer, so we were not able to see any of this area.

We stopped to have lunch at a roadside park near Yosemite Falls, which was impressive, but a rainstorm caused us to pack up quickly and head south on Highway 41 to Yosemite West Condos, where we had a reservation for a two-night stay.



Yosemite Falls, the fifth tallest in the world at 2,400 feet, has been impressing visitors for over 100 years.

The condos were away from the crowds and everything else. The nearest facilities of any kind were 16 miles away, so it was fortunate for us that we had brought plenty of groceries. We had a loft unit with a bed upstairs, a sofa sleeper in the living room and a tiny kitchenette for $130 per night for four people. The unit was the smallest condo I had ever seen, but it was the largest available in the park for four. To say the unit was sparsely appointed is an understatement, and there was enough hot water for only one shower. The refrigerator was barely large enough to hold groceries for two days, the towels were so thin and scratchy they hurt, and the electricity was out all day the second day. It was absolutely the worst accommodation for the money I have ever seen, and I had reserved it two months in advance!

Lodging is also available in the main visitor area and ranges in price from $38 per night for a basic tent-cabin with bathroom nearby (right!) to $208 a night at the Ahwahnee Hotel. Based on how these accommodations looked from the outside and these prices, I suspect they are as big a rip-off as the condos. If this does not discourage you, the number to call for reservations is (209) 252-4848, or you can write to Central Reservations, Yosemite Concession Services, 5410 East Home, Fresno, CA 93727. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and generally require a deposit. Camping reservations may be made up to eight weeks in advance (and they are usually completely filled on the first available day) by calling MISTIX reservationists at **1-800-365-2267**.

The second day of the trip, we intended to do several hikes to take in the scenery. After driving back up to the main valley, we first hiked the short distance from the parking area to Bridalveil Falls, which is quite a spectacle. As we approached the falls, we felt the spray and had to cover our heads in order to take photos.

Then we hiked to Yosemite Falls, which, at over 2400 feet, is the fifth tallest waterfall in the world. It, too, was spectacular, and we snapped away with our cameras.

Then, because the rain began to fall again, we took a drive to the Arch Rock entrance to the park on Highway 140, which leads to Merced. This was also an impressive sight, and we planned to return to San Francisco by that route the next day. However, a mud slide across the highway caused the closure of that park exit later in the day.

We then headed for the Mariposa Grove, the giant redwoods located near the south entrance of the park, about 30 miles from Yosemite Valley. On arriving at the Visitor Center at Wawona, a few miles before the grove, we saw a sign indicating that the parking lot at the Mariposa Grove was full. A park ranger told me that no cars are allowed anywhere near the area in this situation, and the only way we could get there was by shuttle. The shuttles were open trailers, which were none too inviting in the rain and low 40's temperature. So we called it a day and headed back to the condo, which had no electricity (what can you expect for a mere $130 per night?).

The next morning, we awoke to a winter wonderland; about four inches of snow covered the ground and trees. It was beautiful, but we were not prepared for it. We decided to try the Mariposa Grove again on our way out of the park and packed the car after we cleared off all the snow.

Arriving there at 9 a.m., we were able to find a place in the small parking lot at the edge of the grove. However, it was still snowing and only 36 degrees, so we decided not to hike. Besides, from what I could see, the trees were not as tall or thick as those in Muir Woods.

Overall, the trip was not a complete failure, but I honestly cannot recommend it as a "must see." It is obvious that the overcrowding the park has endured over the years has driven up the cost of lodging and the number of auto accidents (there were almost 500 in 1993). Trying to get decent lodging, especially at one of the campsites, could test anyone's patience. The park rules and regulations seem more restrictive than most Army regulations.

Go, if you must, but be prepared for many inconveniences and disappointments. I believe a day trip would be best, and you could probably get better value with less hassle by seeking lodging in any town outside the park. My advice is to save your leave and money for a more pleasant visit and much better deal, such as Zion or Bryce Canyon in Utah. They get crowds too, but not only the scenery is spectacular--so is the experience!

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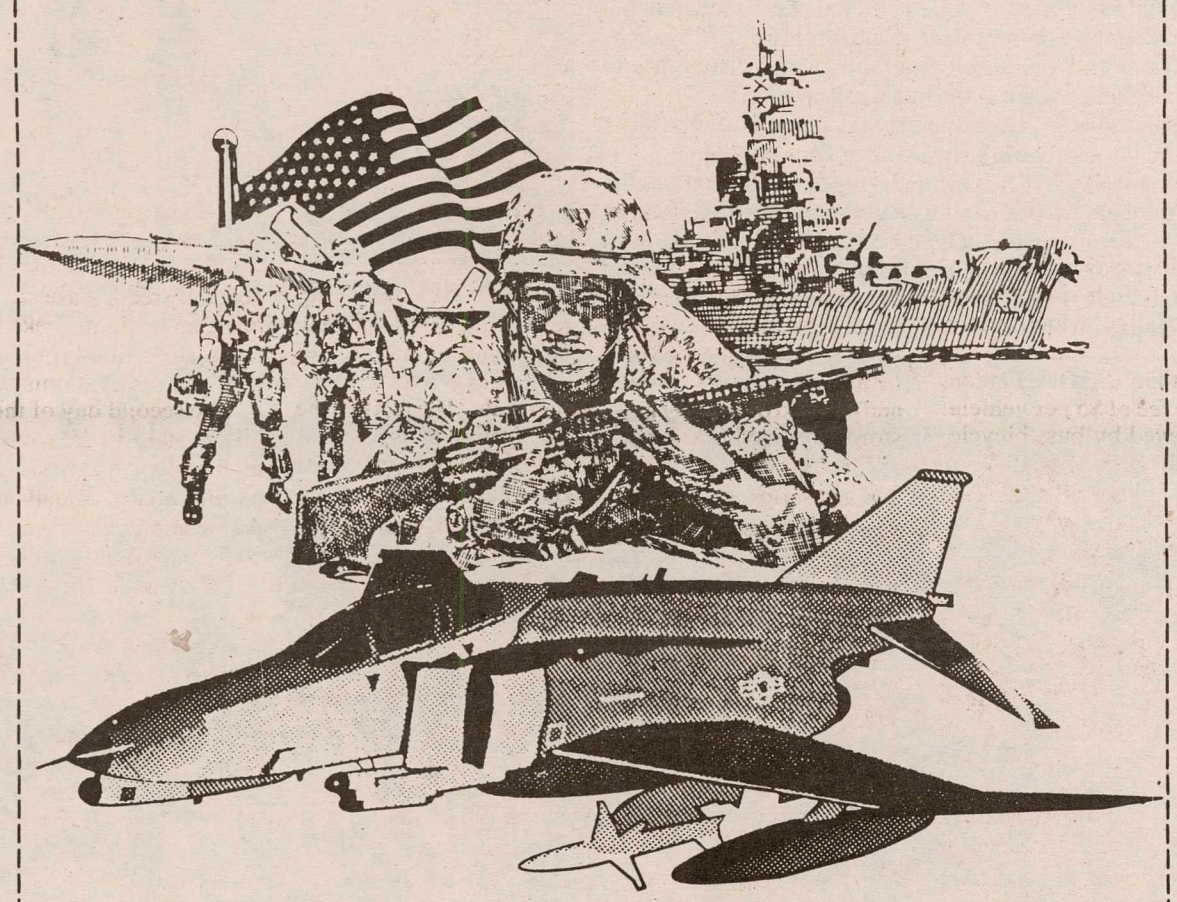

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Remembrance

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

As people looked across the 26,600 headstones, the sacrifices of military men and women became even more meaningful. Pvt. Korea, Capt. Vietnam, Sgt. WWII and the list went on and on. The graves bared the name, rank and war that they served.

Hundreds gathered at the San Francisco National Cemetery here Monday for a Memorial Day ceremony that paid tribute to fallen service members.

"Memorial Day is a very emotional day. It is a day of thankfulness and gratitude, a day of sorrow and reflection, a day of resolution and pride," began Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. "We are grateful for the blessings we have as a nation and as a people. We possess freedoms and prosperity that others can only dream of. We can be thankful for our people's goodness and strength of character as well as our sense of commitment to work and strive for a healthy and secure world -- a world of peace.

Veterans of the Korean War and World War II marched in the parade, which was led by the Headquarters Command Battalion color guard. The gentlemen, whose faces could not hide their years, used all their strength to carry their flags into the cemetery where their comrades lay.

Vietnam veterans, clad in their faded BDU tops, struggled to keep back the tears of their tragic memories and their fallen buddies.

"As we gather today in this hallowed place, this final resting place of earlier patriots and guardians of freedom, the countless crosses marking their places tell of the sobering price we have paid to gain and preserve our liberty," Mallory said, "America has lost so many of her sons and daughters in uniform. Sadly, we mourn this loss of so many of our countrymen. Sadly, we remember the pain endured by so many American families who lost loved ones fighting for America's noble causes."

Many did remember the pain, as they placed flowers on their husband's, father's and sister's grave. Tears filled their eyes as they remembered the day their loved one died making the ultimate sacrifices.

The graves were decorated with a small American flag to show no one was forgotten. Their bravery and dedication will always be remembered.

"Under those gravestones lie some of the people who died and preserved our freedom," he said. "Let us resolve today that they did not die in vain."

After the benediction given by Chaplain Willie P. Peacock, the Sixth U.S. Army band played "My Buddy." The Headquarters Command Battalion soldiers performed a rifle volley. When they rendered the present arms salute, the music of Taps echoed throughout the green hillside. Many wept as the bugle call sounded.

The cemetery was silent. Not even birds could be heard after Taps played.

Then a thundering crash rang out, as the command was given to begin the 21-gun salute. The ceremony ended as the hundreds of people left the cemetery reminded of the generations of service members who fought for their freedom.

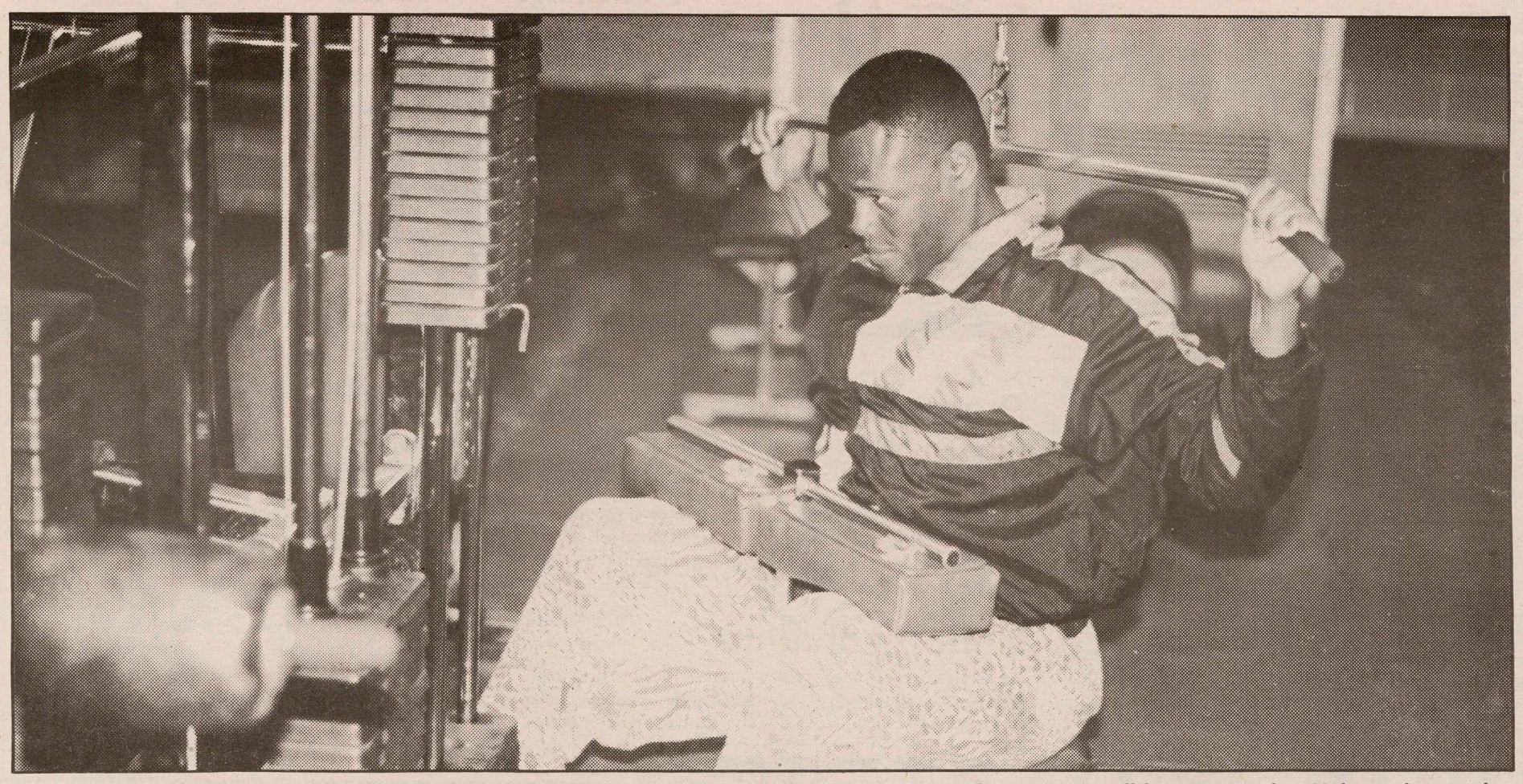
Sgt. Angel Quinones stands along side the gravestones of those he honored during the Memorial Day service held at the Presidio.

War veterans march through the gates of the Presidio cemetery to honor their fallen comrades.

Women of the Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary wear their favorite colors, red, white and blue, as they pay tribute to past service members.

Headquarters Command Battalion soldiers perform a 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day service held here Monday.

Presidio Focus



Keeping a steady rhythm, Staff Sgt. Larry Reed, Law Enforcement Company, performs Lat Pulldowns on the Universal exercise station in Gym No. 1.

Get in shape in Gym No. 1

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Looking for a way to get firm muscle tone without adding bulk? Need to add some variety to your weight training or body building routine? The Sports Branch, Community Recreation Division, may have the perfect answer to your needs.

Whether you are a fitness enthusiast or you just want to fit into that new outfit, Gym No. 1, Building 63, has the facilities to help you reach your goal.

The gymnasium includes two saunas (male and female), one squash and two racquetball courts, a full-size basketball court with six baskets, and two weight rooms.

One weight training room is for free weights and Universal machines, and the other is for Nautilus machines.

The free weight room includes bars and weighted plates ranging from 2½ to 45 pounds, a stationary bicycle and a Universal Tredex treadmill. There are also two bench press stations and one incline press station, one bent over rowing station for back exercises, two squat stations (to add variety to squat exercises), two leg press machines (again, for variety), and various slant boards for abdominal exercises.

In the center of the room is a Universal exercise station that can be configured for more than ten exercises. Eight people can use the station simultaneously.

There are 24 Nautilus weight training machines available for use by certified users in the gymnasium's Nautilus room. By using these popular machines, you can exercise all essential muscles of your body in 20 to 30 minutes.

The Nautilus room is filled with four Aerobicycles, one Tredex and one Nautilus Fitstep, and two NordicTrack machines, all for cardiovascular exercising. Also situated along the wall are four different machines for training leg muscles, three for the upper back, two for the chest (short and tall, labeled male and female), four machines for working the shoulders, two for arms, two more for abdominal muscles and one for the lower back.

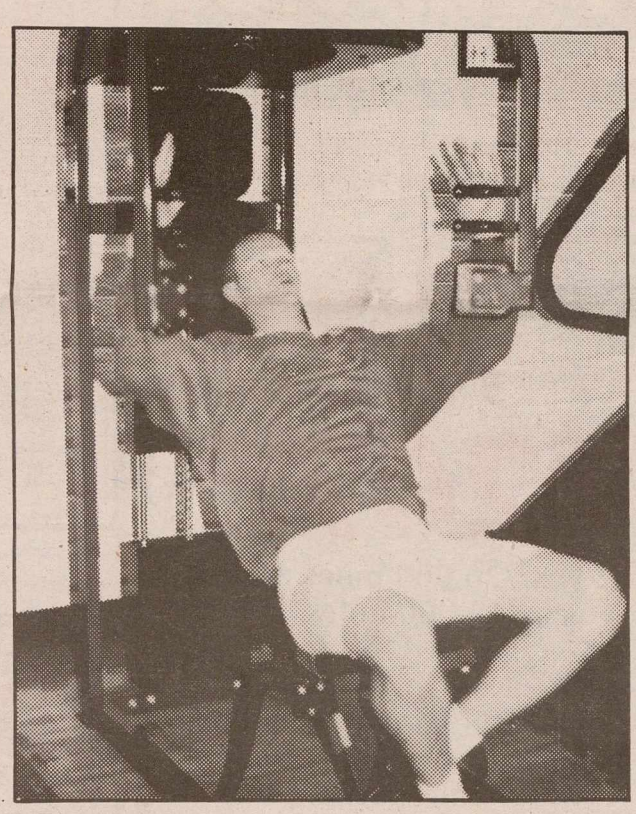
In less than an hour, you can work your entire body and get an aerobic workout in the process.

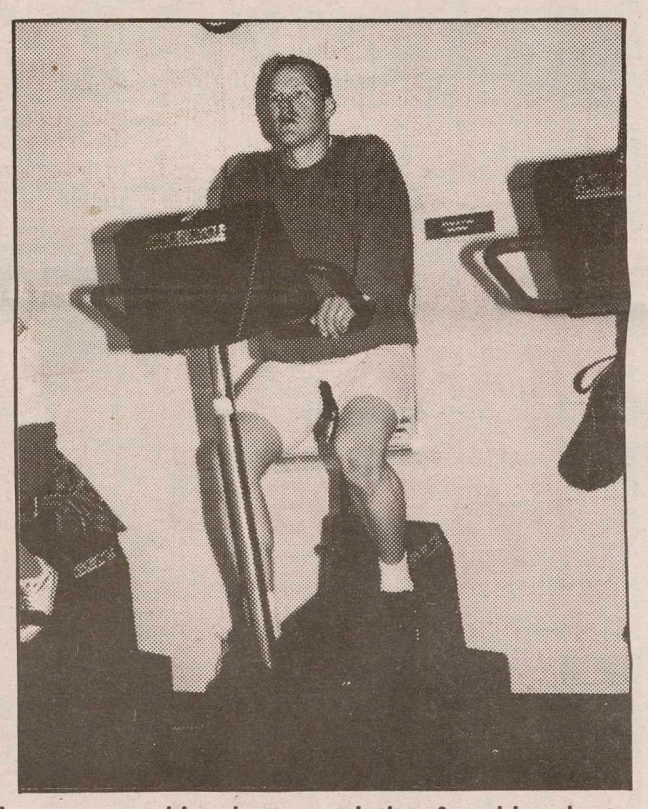
However, you must first be certified to use the machines.

To use the Nautilus machines, you must have a Sports Branch Nautilus card or another Nautilus card from a military or civilian gym. If you know how to use the machines but do not have a card, you must pass a short practical test. The test is administered by appointment only.

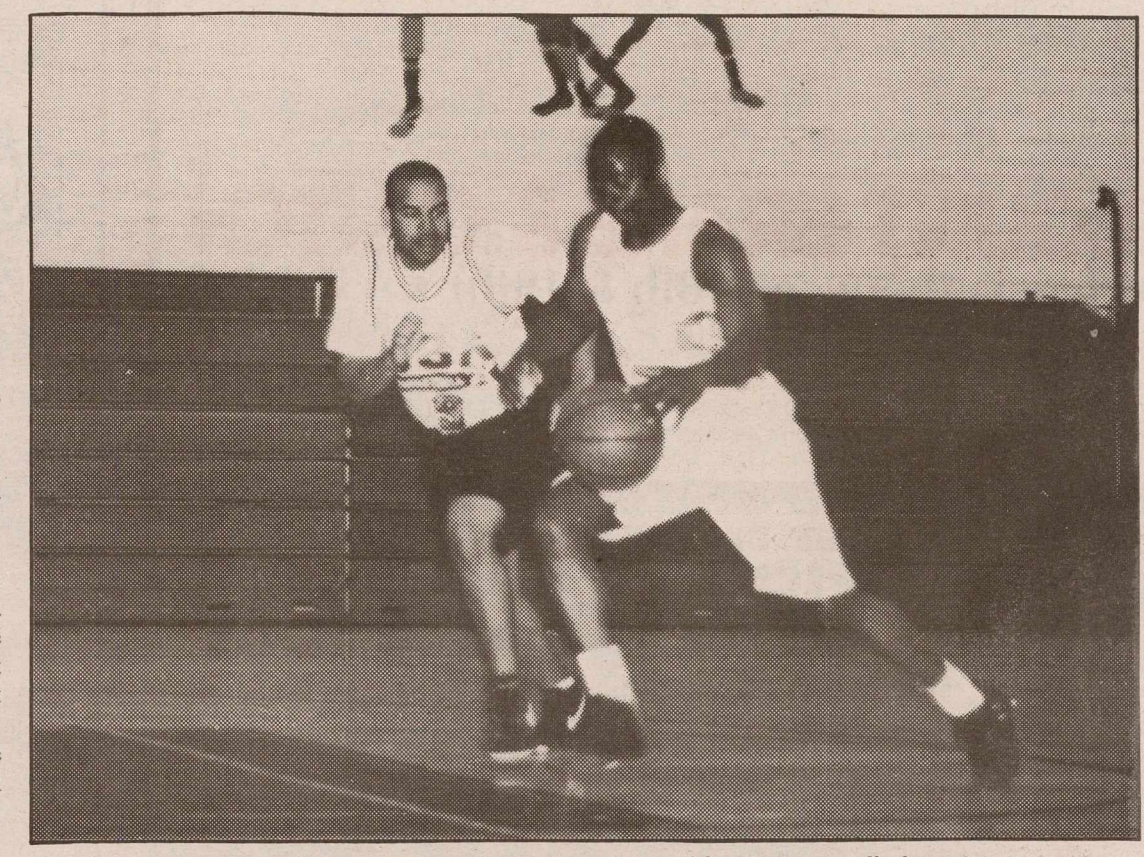
All future class schedules for beginners are posted in the Gym's equipment room. The class is one hour long and each person must be dressed in fitness apparel (sweats, athletic shoes, etc.).

For more information, contact Bob Darling, fitness instructor, Gym 1, at **561-4131**.





Spc. Erik Stalte uses the Nautilus Pec Machine to tone his chest, and the Aerobicycle to tone his heart.



Driving past Spc. Issac Levy, Spc. Jared Hopkins uses a little one-on-one to help rehabilitate his back on the gymnasium's basketball court.

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Activity closure

The Presidio Education Center, Building 1216, will close at 10 a.m. June 14, so our employees can participate in Organization Day activities. Closure will not affect the college class which meets in the building.

Thrift Shop news

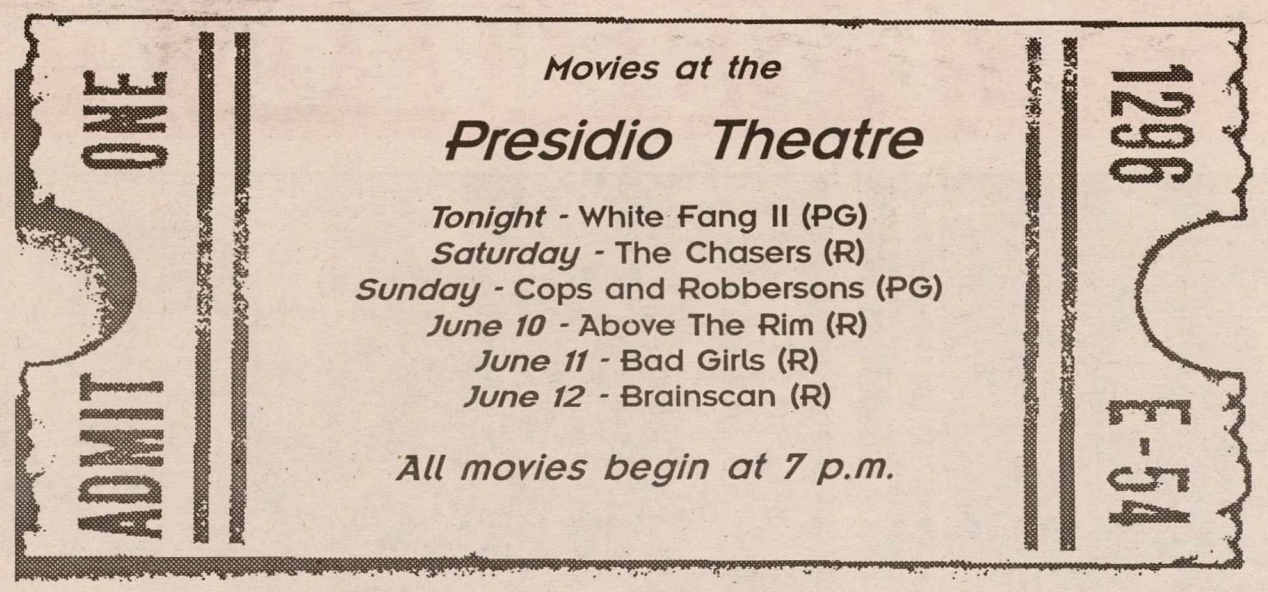
The next Thrift Shop Flea Market is from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the parking lot in front of Building 204. The Thrift Shop will also be open for sales to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Thrift Shop will close permanently for sales June 23. Withdrawal for consigned items is scheduled for June 28 and 29 or before. Remaining consigned items in the Thrift Shop will become Thrift Shop property and will be sold at the Final Flea Market on July 2. Additional information for consignors is available at the Thrift Shop during regular hours.

Thrift Shop fixtures are being sold now, with a future pick-up date. Items for sale include showcases, cash registers, clothing racks, shelving, and a computer. A complete list of fixtures for sale is available at the Thrift Shop.

Water testing available

Presidio residents who would still like to have their water tested for the presence/absence of lead need to contact the DPW Environmental Office, **561-6361**, June 15. This is the last day this service will be able to be scheduled through DPW. Future requests will be referred to the National Park Service water quality control program.



Promotion Point process

There have been changes to the promotion points system. Now soldiers can do a recomp if they have 25 points to add at any time. Before this change, a soldier needed 35 points to add. Six months after a board appearance or recomp, a soldier can add any number of points. Now an Army Achievement Medal counts for 10 promotion points instead of 15, as it once did.

Uniform change

Effective immediately, when the AG 415 short sleeve or long sleeve shirt is worn with the black pullover sweater, they may be worn with or without a four-in-hand neck tie or neck tab. The garrison cap may be worn by all Army personnel with Class A uniform or Class B Army Green Uniforms. It is also authorized for wear by enlisted personnel with hospital duty or food service uniforms. The point of contact for this message is Sgt. Maj. Walters at DSN **225-6361.**

D-Day Commemoration

The Holocaust Center of Northern California presents a commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the landings on the beaches of Normandy, France. Dr. Leon Bass will be the keynote speaker. The lecture and reception will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Guild Hall at Temple Emanu-El, which is located at Arguello and Lake Streets. The suggested donation for the reception is $5 per person. For more information about the commemoration reception, please call **751-6040.**

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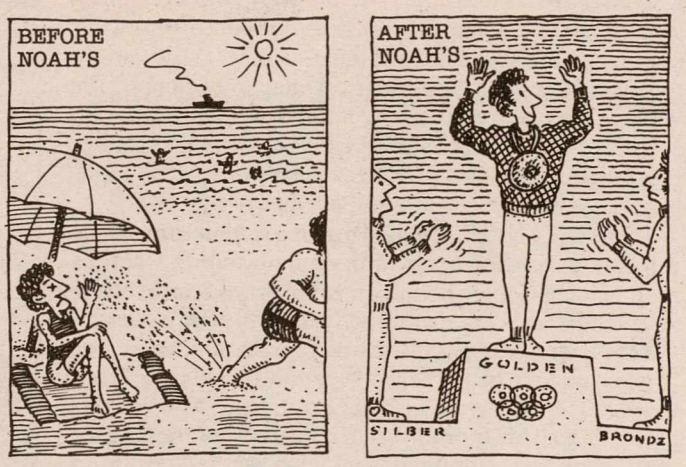

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Traditions

Daughter honors heritage for birthday celebration

Resplendent in her elegant, white gown and surrounded by her mother and father, the Presidio's Azucena Marquez is set to honor her "Quinceañera," her 15th birthday, May 28 at the Church of Our Lady here.

Classmates from San Francisco's Galileo High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps served as honor guards.

This was a memorable event.

"It takes six to eight months to plan. It parallels the preparations necessary for weddings," said Sgt. 1st Class Alberto Marquez, logistics evaluator, Operational Readiness and Evaluation, Sixth U.S. Army, and Azucena's father.

"This may not be a wedding where the father gives away his daughter, but the loss is in recognizing that your daughter is no longer a little girl," he said.

The Quinceañera is a time honored Hispanic tradition which brings family and friends of the hispanic community together as a recognition of unity and respect for the participant and her family.

The ceremony, performed on the girl's 15th birthday, represents the daughter's commitment to community, church and family, and dramatizes her ascension to adulthood.

"I'm just happy and proud that my daughter is able to experience our Mexican tradition," her mother, Maria, added.

More than just a display, the ceremony also shows that the daughter is ready to practice the morals, values and responsibilities to her community and to exercise appropriate behavior under various conditions.

"Through accepting these responsibilities, I hope they'll see that I'm taking an increasing position in the Hispanic community seriously and they can be proud of me," Azucena said.

Happy 15th birthday.

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Bleacher Brief

Bowling leagues kick off summer

Hui O Hawaii Summer League

Robert Jackson and Barbara Bagley are the league's stars of the week.

Jackson, of the Stakers, rolled games of 263 and 207 enroute to compiling a high scratch series score of 639 to lead the league in that category. Teammate Bagley's 201 was the high game scratch score for the season.

Bagley's handicap is 0, Jackson's is 4. Rod Hangka of Whom Knows also has a 0 handicap.

Other 200 bowlers for the week included Bud Fleming of Whom Knows, 226; John Peterson, Up Your Alley, 213; Rod Hangka, Whom Knows, 210; Gary Terada, Islanders, 210; and Mel Washington, Four Tops, 202. The third place team, Up Your Alley, has the highest team average, 780.

Standings after three games
Team, record, total pins

1. **Four Tops** 4-0, 2,326
2. **Islanders** 4-0, 2,202
3. **Up Your Alley** 3-1, 2,342
4. **Whom Knows** 2-2, 2,192
5. **Navy Wenches** 2-2 2,162
6. **Stakers** 1-3, 2,279
7. **Hi Rollers** 0-4, 2,175
8. **Lil' Kolohe** II 0-4, 2,043

League leaders

High game scratch, Barbara Bagley, 201; Robert Jackson, 263.
High game handicap — Betty Larkins, 227; Jackson, 263.
High series scratch — Bagley, 561; Jackson, 639.
High series handicap — Lillian Hong, 615; Jackson, 651.

Intramural Summer League

Felix Mallorca of Presidio's Readiness Group was among the league leaders in three categories this week to help his team remain undefeated in the standings.

Mallorca rolled 235 for the high game scratch, 235 for a high game handicap score and recorded 587 for a high series scratch. RG-PSF is number one in the standings.

Meanwhile, third place RTD's Joyce Peterson and fourth place ORE's Pat Jordan share the top positions in all four categories. Peterson's handicap is 48, and Jordan's is 43.

Standings, after eight games

1. **RG-PSF** 8-0, 3,485;
2. **Command Group**, 7-1, 3,449;
3. **RTD**, 5-3, 3,167;
4. **ORE #I**, 4-4, 3,367;
5. **CRD Sports**, 3-5, 3,225;
6. **ORE**, 3-5, 3,204;
7. **ORE #II**, 2-6, 3,159.

League leaders

High game scratch — Men: Felix Mallorca, 235; Women: Pat Jordan, 177; Joyce Peterson, 176.
High game handicap — Men: Steve Sauafea, 262; Women: Peterson, 224, Jordan, 220.
High series scratch — Men: Donald Banks, 591; Mallorca, 587; Richard Griego, 584; Women: Jordan 487; Peterson, 468;
High series handicap — Men: Sauafea, 672; Women: Jordan, 616; Peterson, 612.

Stars of the week — Peterson, 176/468; Banks, 199/591.

Reno Summer League

Week number two featured Ben Villanueva and Robert Jackson as the league's 200-point bowlers. Villanueva bowled 208 and 203, and Jackson rolled 203.

Jackson's 188 average is the high for his team, Seven/Eleven, which is in first place with a team average of 729.

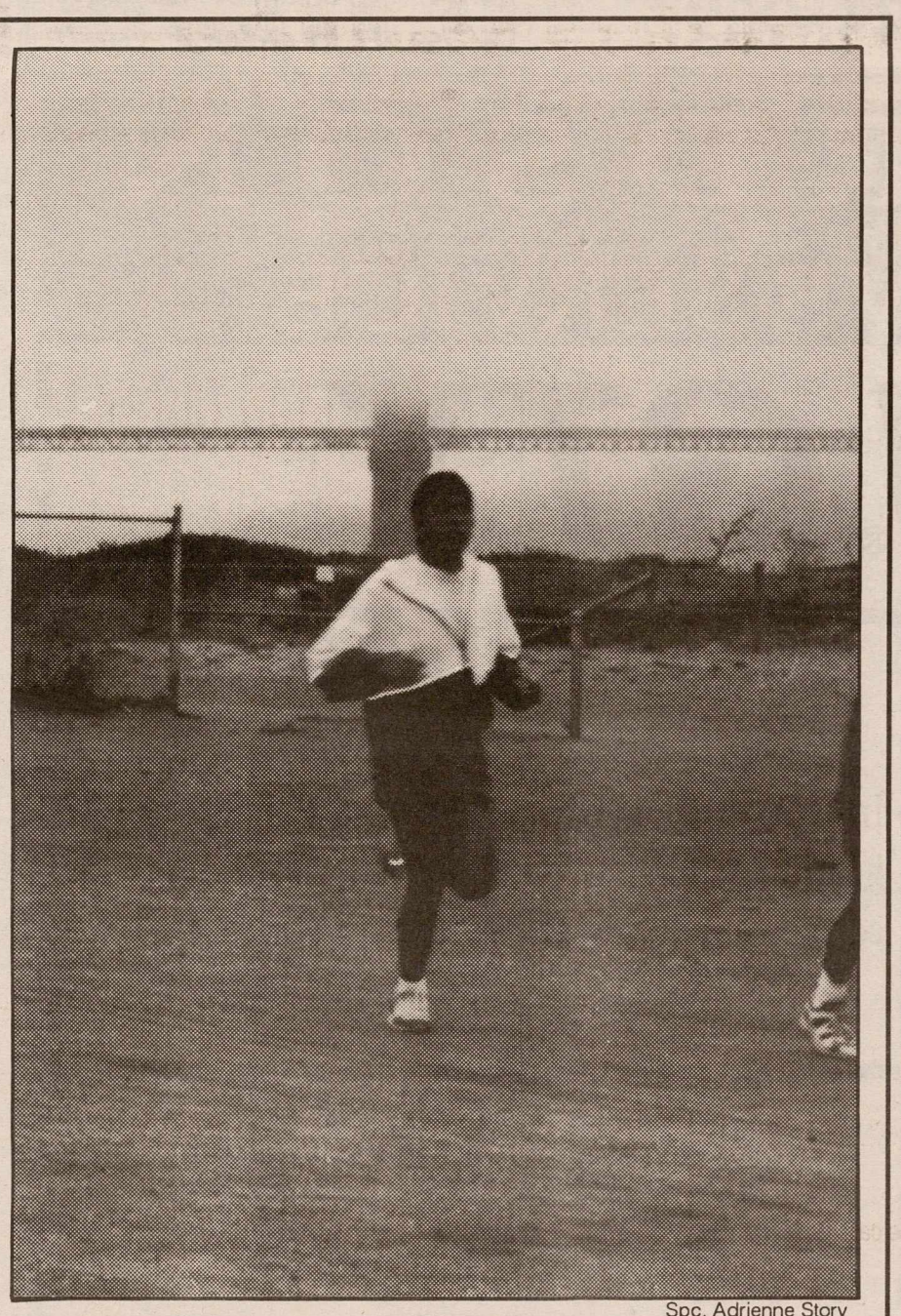
Standings after six games

1. **Seven/Eleven**, 6-2, 4,374;
2. **The 4 Rollers**, 5-3, 4,549;
3. **Four Tops**, 4-4, 4,308;
4. **Family Affair**, 4-4, 4,234;
5. **Pai Gow Pokers**, 4-4, 4,191;
6. **No Name Yet**, 4-4, 2,220 (three games);
7. **Strokers**, 1-7, 4,107.

League leaders

High game scratch — Men: Lee Hopkins, 222; Ben Villanueva, 208; Robert Jackson, 203. Women: Barbara Bagley, 203; Betty Larkins and Kim Coons, 177.
High game handicap — Men: Villanueva, 227; Hopkins, 226; Dwayne Moses, 216. Women: Joanne Burgoon, 218; Larkins, 214; Patti Kirtland, 211.
High series scratch — Men: Villanueva, 603; Jackson, 585; Hopkins, 552. Women: Bagley, 512; Coons and Larkins, 483.
High series handicap — Men: Villanueva, 660; Moses, 624; Jackson, 621. Women: Burgoon, 618; Larkins, 594; Bobbie Miceli, 586.

Stars of the week — Barbara Bagley, 190/512; Ben Villanueva, 208/603.



Spc. Adrienne Story

Run for fun

The Presidio offers the perfect view and great weather for runners, joggers and walkers to stay fit. Runners can be seen on Crissy Field at all times throughout the day.

Youth swim team ends 93-94 season with a 'big splash'

The Presidio hosted its final swim meet for the 1993-94 season this past Saturday. About 100 swimmers competed in individual and relay events in free style backstroke, breast stroke and butterfly in the age categories of 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13 and above. Community teams participating included the Jewish Community Center, University of California at San Francisco (Millbury Union) Youth Swim team, and our own Presidio youth swim team.

As expected, JCC swam away with the majority of first place ribbons. In the past two years JCC has made significant progress in developing their swimmers into a competitive team. Much of their success can be attributed to the fact that they practice five days a week whereas the Presidio and Millbury teams practice one to two days a week, according to Maj. Mike Koplin, Presidio team coach.

The Presidio Swim team captured a strong second place finish and Millbury came in third. Many parents were present to cheer the swimmers on as they competed in 56 total events. The only unexpected event during the meet was when coach Koplin found himself hurled into the pool by the Presidio swimmers. Koplin said "Throwing the coach into the pool has become a tradition at the last swim meet of the year. However, in previous years the big splash has occurred after the swim meet. This year I was totally surprised to find myself heading for the water before the final event."

"It's been a long season (October through May) but many swimmers have made tremendous progress and developed the discipline to become competitive swimmers. Many of our swimmers are leaving due to reassignments, and we will miss them but also wish them the very best. Both assistant coaches 1st Lt. Chuck Kelso and Andrew Bokmeyer are moving on also and will be missed" Koplin said.

Coach Koplin added, "The swim team is a success due to the on-going support of parents who encourage their children to participate and then volunteer themselves at the swim meets to complete awards, time events and record entries. We appreciate these parents so much! We also appreciate our sponsors and, as the season ends, it's time to thank the Thrift Shop and the Youth Activity Center for their generous support."

Next season (1994-95) will begin in October and promises to be a great year. Koplin hopes most of the swimmers who participated this year will return for another season and he encourages all other youth to consider joining. The Presidio Swim Team closed out the season with a pizza party and awards ceremony on June 1 at the Youth Activity Center.

The team took a total of nine first place ribbons, 48 second place, 17 third place, nine fourth place, 12 fifth place and 14 sixth place ribbons.

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FORSCOM for review."

When FORSCOM receives the packet from different Army installations within its command, officials will ensure each issue is pertinent to the Army world wide and that the recommendation is not already an AFAP issue. If it then meets that criteria, each individual issue will be forwarded to the General Officers Steering Commitee. This committee will guide delegates attending the Army Family Action Planning conference, which will be held Oct. 23 through 28 at Tyson's Corner, Va.

Issues that were formulated at this year's Presidio symposium include:

* Health care issues:

TRICARE Prime standardization, expanding retiree health care benefits, establishing a triage on all military posts that do not provide family member health care.

*Education benefits:

Expanded tuition assitance program and establishing an enrollment window for the Montgomery GI Bill.

* Family child care program:

Total family income prorated fees and subsidizing care givers' salaries for local areas.

*Public education for family members:

Establish nation-wide mandatory curriculum for education consistency, look into the feasibility of military children attending the same local school. They recommended that transportation be provided for military children to go to school.

*Cost of Living Allowance:

Cost of Living Allowance was a major concern. One group recommended that the Army establish a formula for providing COLA in areas inside the United States.

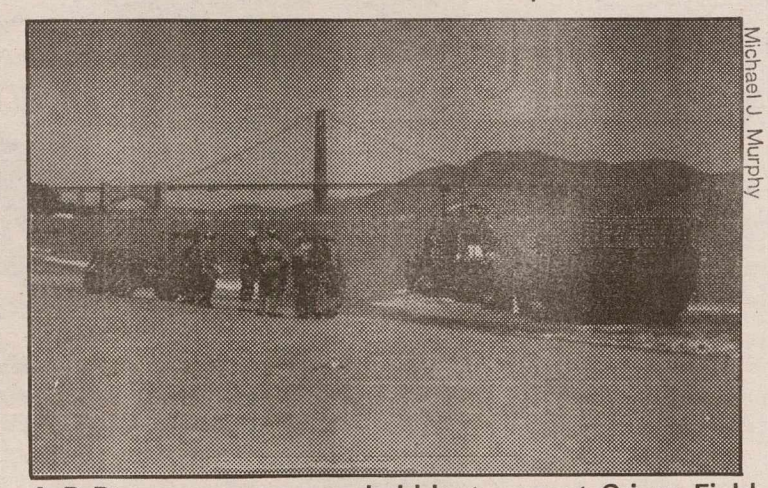
*Equal Opportunity:

It was recommended by one of the groups that Equal Opportunity military advisors should fall under another command than those they represent, and EO civilian advisors should be rated by an outside interest.

Army-wide and issues that affected Presidians were addressed at the meeting.

"All issues will be reviewed by the Sixth U.S. Army commanding general and Garrison commander. Qualifying issues have been forwarded to FORSCOM," Crider said. "By October FORSCOM will identify all issues that will be submitted to the General Officer Steering Committee for the Army Family Action Planning conference in October. The group here addressed many issues that have an impact on the quality of life in the Army. The participants also came up with good recommendations for solutions to the issues discussed."

A D-Day retreat ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Pershing Square. Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, will speak at the commemorating ceremony. This Monday will mark the 50th anniversary of D-Day. The celebration will honor those who paved the way to restore democracy in Europe.



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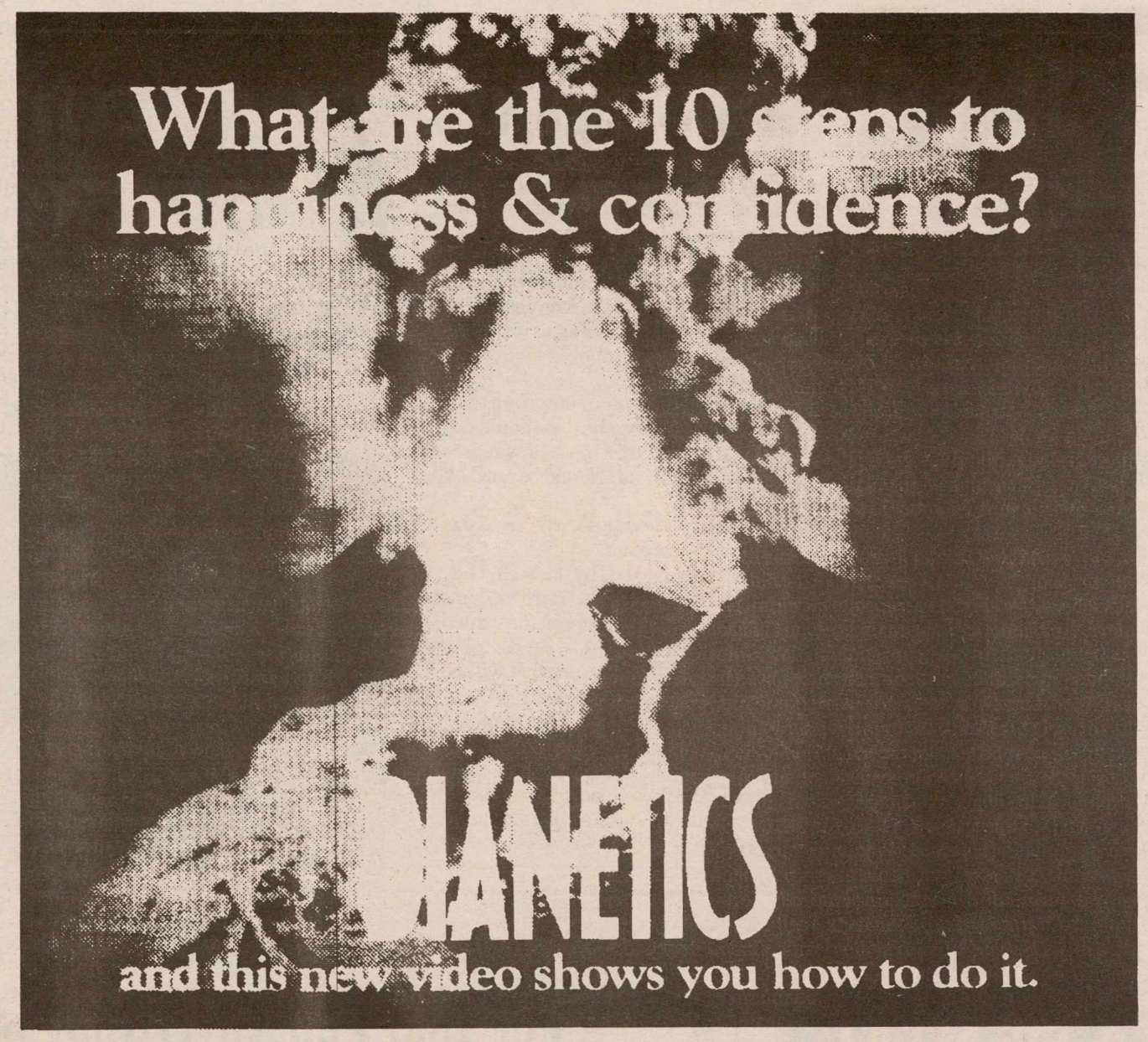

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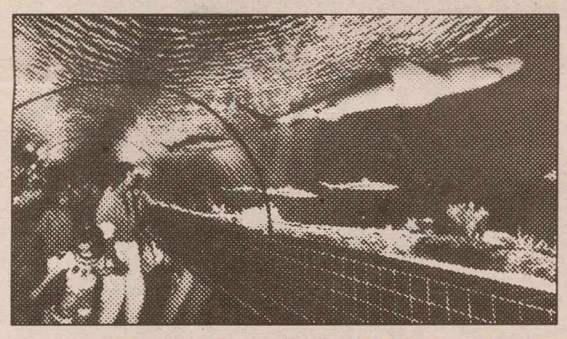

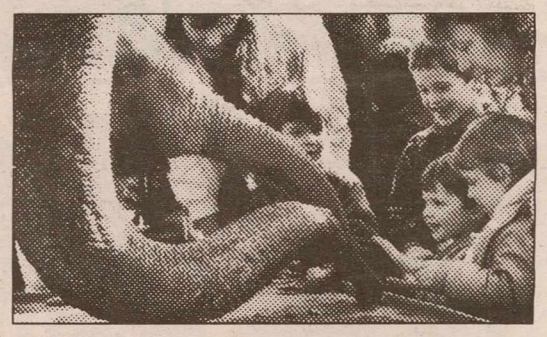

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D-Day commemorated

Military Policemen lower the flag during the D-Day retreat ceremony held Monday. Col. Giles F. Grider, Chief of Staff for Sixth U.S. Army, was the commander of troops at the commemoration ceremony. See Page 11 for story and wreath-laying photo.

Former intelligence officers remember D-Day missions

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Reading coded messages behind enemy lines ... tricking radar techs into searching for ghost ships , deceptions of invasions... these are the stories behind the scenes of Operation Overlord, better known as D-Day.

These and other stories of cunning and daring were shared at "D-Day: Behind the Theatre Stage," Saturday, in the Presidio Officers' Club. The symposium was billed as an "Intelligence perspective and commemoration of the 50th anniversary" of the invasion of Normandy, France.

The symposium was produced by Association of Former Intelligence Officers and sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Northern California, the Common Wealth Club, the Veterans of OSS and the Presidio of San Francisco.

"We're here mainly to commemorate the activities behind the scenes that helped the success of the Normandy invasion — intelligence, deception, mock invasions — all of the things that made D-Day a success," said G. James Quesada, chairman, D-Day Commemoration Committee. "This is our background as former intelligence officers."

Quesada, a member of AFIO, said the AFIO was established in 1975 and includes retired intelligence officers from the CIA, FBI, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency.

"The intelligence field was getting a bad rap so retired CIA officers formed the AFIO. Retired officers from other intelligence organizations soon joined," Quesada said.

"We invited more than 350 people for today's discussion and luncheon," said Diana Antonakos, who designed the displays for the symposium. She was able to obtain a captured Nazi battle flag, photographs of the invasion of Normandy and the days immediately following it, medals and rank insignia that once belonged to a Nazi German officer, communication equipment (radios and etc.) from WWII, a newsletter written by Greek government in exile dated June 6, 1944, a parachute that open in the back and a working version of the Enigma machine, an encription device used by Nazi Germany to send and receive coded messages.

"We received many photos from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs," said Antonakos, who is also a designer of architecture, interior, theatre and opera. Her husband is a historian who also helped her with the setup.

"It is great to have people willing to work with you. Many people pitched in to help set up the symposium," she said.

The displays also showed many of the tools and weapons used by clandestine operatives behind the scenes to help the Allies' invasion plans.

Operation Overlord turned the tide of World War II against Nazi Germany with the invasion of Normandy. However, it would not have been successful without the valiant efforts of the covert intelligence officers who worked behind enemy lines.

Keynote speakers on the subject included Dr. Alexander S. Cochran, an expert on codebreaking; Dr. David Patrick Burke, military historian; Joseph Jedd, a former member of the Polish Intelligence Service, French Underground and Polish 2nd Corps of the 8th British Army; Dr. Dieter Ose, a member of the North Atlantic council representing the Federal Republic of Germany at NATO headquarters; and Dr. Hans Wegmueller, Chief of the General Staff's Office of the Swiss Defense Ministry.

Among the displays were pages from manuals that described many of the tools of the clandestine operative's trade. Some of the things used in the "James Bond" movies were in actual use by intelligence agents during World War II. Some of the items displayed included:

- the Welbike, a portable motorbike, forerunner to today's offroad motorcycles;
- the Minox minicamera, which closely resembled a modern disposable camera;
- the matchbox camera, which was the size of a small matchbox;
- the pipe pistol, made to look like a smokers pipe until you twisted the mouthpiece and fired the .22 calibre round;
- .22 caliber cigars and cigarettes, which

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Commander responds

By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

As usual, it's time for me to answer your questions and concerns. This time, we have a whole new group of issues which have never arisen before, and it's my pleasure to provide this information.

Sgt. David Cameron, a supply sergeant at Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, said, "I have two concerns. When will the soldiers in the barracks get microwaves for their rooms, now that the dining facility is closing? When the soldiers are moved into other barracks, will the transfer of services, such as telephone and cable, be paid for, or will soldiers have to pay for this?" The Battalion S-4 has submitted a request to the Furnishings Management Office to receive 120 microwaves, one for each room in Buildings 1029 and 1030, with a required delivery date of June 30. Final status will be given after Furnishing Management Office goes through the supply channels at Fort Lewis, Wash.

At this time, negotiations have not been arranged among the Department of Contracting, Viacom Cable, and Pacific Bell. During the move from Fort Scott to Building 1030, Viacom Cable agreed to reinstall cable at no charge for soldiers who already had the service within three to five working days after they moved into their new location. Unfortunately, Pacific Bell would not waive the installation fee nor the service reconnection fee. Therefore, soldiers had to cover the cost if they wanted the service again. When proper negotiations have been established, we will let the soldiers know what agreements have been reached.

Sgt. Brenton Reeves, legal NCO with the Criminal Law Section, Staff Judge Advocate, wants to know whether "the indoor firing range at Fort Scott is still available for use. If so, how can we secure the keys to use it? If it is not open, is there anywhere soldiers can go to fire their personal weapons?" The firing range at Fort Scott has been closed for safety reasons, and there are no other facilities on post for soldiers to fire their personal weapons. Perhaps you can call some local gun shops for recommendations on nearby shooting ranges.

Spc. Monique Barnes, protocol assistant at Sixth U.S. Army, asks "Why are the theater and bowling alley closing when there are still soldiers here? Will there be some form of affordable activities and entertainment provided to the soldiers?" The theater and bowling alley are closing because in our local negotiations with the National Park Service, we agreed to relinquish these buildings. In exchange for these and other buildings, we were able to keep facilities we consider more vital to the military community -- including certain housing, military offices, and other key services. The post theater and the bowling center will close Sept. 1 and will officially belong to the National Park Service as of Oct. 1. Some of the remaining activities soldiers can enjoy after July 1 include an all-ranks Community Club (formerly the Officers' Club), main gymnasium, tennis courts and the yacht club. While we may not operate them, it is not unreasonable to anticipate that the National Park Service will resume operations of the theater and bowling center under their control. In addition, the *Star Presidian* is running a series about interesting and inexpensive activities in the Bay Area. Try some of the things they write about! It's important for everyone's morale to take advantage of any opportunity for affordable fun.

Staff Sgt. Richard Henson, of the Sixth U.S. Army's Regional Training Brigade, wants to know, "Since there is no finance office here, how will a problem be resolved if a young soldier with a family gets a 'no pay due'? AER is not always the answer. What if it takes more than one month to fix the problem?" If a soldier gets a "no pay due," he or she should go to the Headquarters Commandant PAC at Building 1027 and request a casual pay. The request will be sent to the 9th Finance Battalion at Fort Lewis. The soldier will receive the casual pay in the form of a check through the mail within two weeks. PAC personnel will work with the 9th Finance Battalion to correct the soldier's pay account. Because of the limited finance support on the Presidio, it is imperative that soldiers closely inspect their leave and earnings statements and contact the PAC as soon as any discrepancies are found.

Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

Finally, **Isadore Rosenthal**, chief of the staffing and classification section at Civilian Personnel, comments that "We have reached the point where people need to realize that we cannot continue to do business as usual. We are losing more people and have an increased work load. There has to be a time when we stop. Once the command shows acceptance of this, then others will also accept it." I agree that one of the greatest challenges about downsizing and base closure is that we lose people with great talents and abilities, and that the mission does not decrease proportionately. Unfortunately, there isn't any way around this. We need to take advantage of support *both in the workplace and at home* during these trying times and continue to provide the outstanding service that we have given in the past -- in spite of the added challenges.

Commentary

It's time for a moving experience

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

If you had visited my previous address last week, you would see the same sight as at my current abode -- chaos surrounded by boxes both empty and full. I've just moved.

This is something that lots of military folks go through at this time of year -- the permanent change of station. (How can it be permanent when they make you do it every three to four years?) You have to make decisions like whether or not to use the government movers, what to keep out for your use before the household goods arrive, etc. Not to mention worrying about whether or not they actually *will* arrive!

I think all moves have something in common. No one likes to do it. However, with an adventurer's attitude, a PCS/move can be a wonderful thing.

In my case, things are additionally complicated because I'm divorcing. So, on top of figuring out what to keep and what to discard, I also have to figure out what's mine and what's his.

The day before I moved, I still had some empty boxes and full cabinets. Fortunately, I had warned my friends/assistants that things would not be completely packed and that it would probably take two days to move everything. Especially since I was moving from the Presidio of San Francisco to Berkeley and have a lot of furniture.

My dog and cats began to suspect something was up about two days before the move. They were inspecting boxes, both from the inside and the outside, and playing with packing paper. The only one who didn't seem affected was the canary; Teddy's entire house changes addresses very easily.

I took a little more time than I thought I would need to move everything. The pets came in stages -- cats first, then the dog and bird. Shadow and Nicky, my older cats, began exploring right away. My youngest cat, Boots, spent the first night hiding under the rocking chair or couch (she came to live on the Presidio as a kitten and doesn't remember any other home). I spent it listening to strange, new sounds that come with living in a new place -- you know, creaking stairs, refrigerator kicking on, etc. Not to mention my neighbor's rooster (no kidding).

I'm excited about living in Berkeley; it's a town I've enjoyed visiting ever since my move to the Bay Area nine years ago. My favorite book store (Cody's) is right on Telegraph Avenue, and I know where some great restaurants and nightclubs are located. I'll learn my way around better as I explore the side streets and neighborhoods (I got a good map).

I'll make new friends in town, because I have an icebreaker you wouldn't believe; everyone talks to you when you walk a Dalmatian. There is a park three blocks from our new house where my dog loves to play in the grass or do laps around the track with me.

And I do live in a friendly neighborhood. People came over to introduce themselves while we were moving in furniture. It made me feel very welcome.

I guess that's an advantage I have over military folks, who are told what their next address will be without any chance to dispute the decision -- I chose to live in Berkeley. It doesn't matter if you're allergic to oranges; the Army needs you in Florida.

Okay, so that's an extreme example. My point is that you have to make the move, because Uncle Sam needs your skills, talents and abilities in another place. It could be the best assignment of your life. Look around and find some neat places to visit and fun things to do. Military folks will make new friends easily, because your icebreaker is that you're new in town. You guys have a great support network.

No one likes to move -- but it can be a really good thing in spite of the chaos surrounded by boxes both empty and full.

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Transition information

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Here is the latest listing of jobs provided by the Outplacement Office. Call Brenda Peixotto at **561-2430** for announcement numbers, closing dates and other information.

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Military Traffic Management Command: Computer Operator, GS-0332-07 (three positions).

Department of Veterans Affairs, San Francisco: Social Worker, GS-185-9/11.

Navy Public Works Center: Health Technician, GS-640-4/5.

Naval Air War Center, Weapons Division, Point Mugu, Calif.: Telephone Mechanic, WG-2502-10; Telephone Mechanic, WG-2502-11.

Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.: Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist, GS-1128-12; Environmental Protection Specialist, GS-0028-09; Packing Inspector, WG-7002-07; Supervisory Transportation Assistant (HHG), GS-2102-07; Equal Employment Specialist, GS-260-11.

Department of the Navy, China Lake, Calif.: Electrician WG-2805-10; Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic, WG-5406-10.

Department of the Navy, Everett, Wa.: Family Home Care Coordinator, GS-1702-5/7.

The next **Presidio Job Faire** runs from 8a.m. to 4p.m., June 29, at the NCO/Golden Gate Community Club. Delta Dental, California Highway Patrol, Kelly Services, Tempositions, Macy's, Grayline Trucking, Federal Express, Mission Foods, Marin General Hospital, Orchard Supply Hardware, Schlage Lock Co., Esprit, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Continental Baking Co., and many other employers are prepared to hire you. Be ready to interview on the spot! The job faire is open to military, civilians and family members.

New legislation

Buyouts extended

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

New legislation extending buyouts to non-DoD employees also changes the rules for DoD employees. DoD civilian personnel officials said they'll offer recent buyout takers a chance to reconsider.

The legislation President Bill Clinton signed March 30 requires employees who have taken a buyout to wait five years before taking another federal job. Under original DoD rules, employees had to wait only a year before taking a job with DoD and could take a job with a nondefense agency immediately.

Employees who wish to return to federal employment within five years must repay the entire incentive or get waivers from the Office of Personnel Management. Agencies may ask for such waivers if an applicant is the only suitable candidate for the job. In a tight job market, few people should count on getting such a waiver, say officials.

DoD's civilian personnel service is asking local personnel officials to track down employees who took buyouts after March 30 to notify them of the new prohibitions and ask if they want to reconsider. DoD employees who took buyouts before March 30 are not affected.

Buyouts are worth the amount of the employee's severance pay or $25,000, whichever is less. But after taxes and deductions, a typical employee gets about $17,000. However, employees who change their minds must pay back the entire buyout and apply to the Internal Revenue Service for refunds.

The new rule will also make buyouts more expensive for DoD agencies. For each Civil Service Retirement System employee who takes a buyout or a voluntary early retirement, agencies must reimburse the pension fund 9 percent of the employee's final basic pay. In addition, beginning Oct. 1, 1994, through Sept. 30, 1998, agencies must also pay $80 yearly into the federal pension fund for every employee on the agency rolls.

DoD officials said these new requirements will add $300 million to the cost of DoD buyouts over the next five years. Many agencies may decide the new costs make buyouts too expensive, said officials. Therefore, more agencies may have to resort to reductions in force to downsize.

DoD officials said about 32,000 civilians took buyouts in fiscal 1993. They expect some 18,000 to take them in fiscal 1994. But defense agencies are already issuing RIF notices. More than 1,500 Navy shipyard employees have received notices. About 5,000 Defense Logistics Agency employees have taken buyouts since 1993, limiting RIFs. Still, the agency has issued 444 RIF notices this year.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

(Above) Diana Antonakos displays an Enigma machine, which was used by the Germans during World War II. Enigma is a Greek word meaning puzzle. (Right) A map of the allied invasion of Normandy, code named Operation Overlord, known today as D-Day, was displayed at the symposium.

fired one round at the pull of a string, and a one-man submersible that was used for attacks and clandestine landings. It could hold one person and travel under water at a depth of 50 feet and a speed of 2.5 knots (just under three miles per hour).

The major attraction was the "Enigma" machine. The book "Bodyguard of Lies" by Anthony C. Brown gives a description of the machine, its history and how the Allies countered its use during the war.

According to the book, the Enigma was an electro-mechanical wired enciphering machine with a series of drums and wheels invented by a Dutchman in 1919. A German, Artur Scherbiur of Berlin, received the patent and exhibited the first working machine in 1923. He named it after Sir Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations."

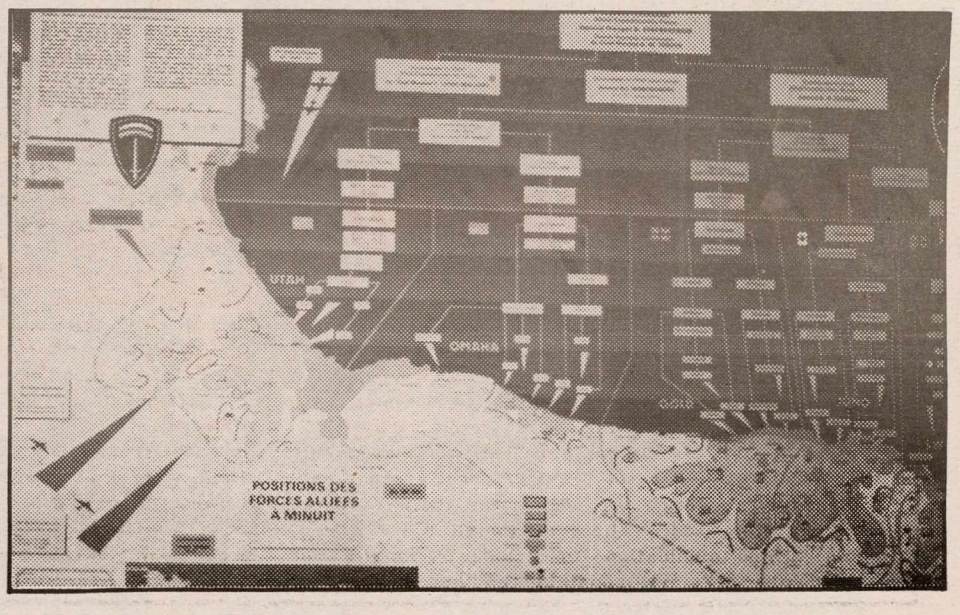
The machine was apparently intended for business use to keep transactions from prying eyes. However, after Hitler's rise to power, the machine was taken off the commercial market. Brown's book goes on to explain that the French and British found separate yet similar ways to use the German's machine against them.

The French Intelligence obtained a secret instruction manual from a German traitor in 1937, prodiced a replica of the machine, and received monthly keying changes issued by the Wermacht, which allowed the French to continue decoding German messages throughout the war.

Meanwhile, The British used a Polish mathematician who once worked in the Berlin factory that made the Enigma. He and British codebreakers Alfred Knox and Alan Turing matched Enigma's electric circuitry and imitated the internal wiring of its rotors. It was called "The Bomb." Since each German service had its own Enigma settings, the Bomb was large enough to mimic more than one setting at a time. The Bomb remains behind closed doors to this day, and no accurate descriptions of it have been printed.

One of the displays featured a decoded letter sent to Japan by Baron Oshima, Japanese Military Attaché to Germany. The letter relates Oshima's conversation with Hitler, who had correctly assessed the Allies' plan to stage mock invasions of Denmark, southwestern France and the Mediterranean as diversions from the real attack. The letter also revealed that Hitler overestimated the number of Allied divisions facing him. This knowledge helped the Allies design Operation Overlord.

The Enigma displayed at the symposium was loaned by the National Security Agency and was kept under constant watch throughout the session. It still works, even in today's computerized world.



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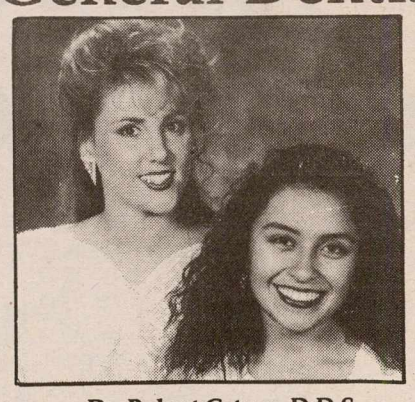

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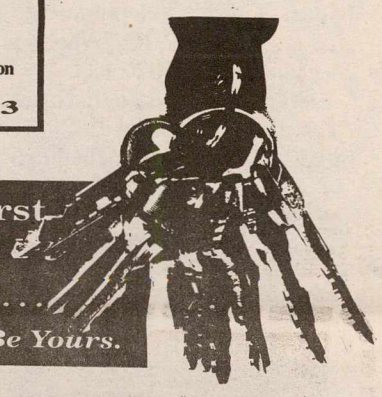

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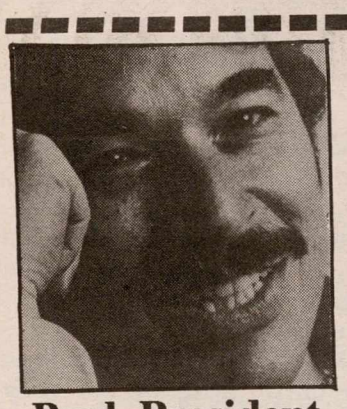

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Presidio Community Column

News briefs

State Primary dates

Here is the most recent series of state primary and special election dates. For additional information, contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

Colorado, Aug. 9; Georgia, July 19; Kansas, Aug. 2; Maine, June 14; Michigan, Aug. 2; South Carolina, Aug. 9; Tennessee, Aug. 4.

Hazardous waste disposal

To dispose of hazardous waste (paint, oil, etc.) that is generated or found on the Presidio, please contact the DPW Environmental Office at **561-3024/6361** for assistance and guidance on proper turn-in procedures. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact Chris Webb at **561-3024**.

Tuition assistance

The Education Center has no funding available for the Army Tuition Assistance Program from now through Sept. 30. Funding after Oct. 1 will be determined by Fort Lewis, Wash. Soldiers are invited to contact the Education Center to discuss options such as testing for credit and in-service use of VA benefits.

Spouse group

The Presidio Spouses Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m. Monday, at the Religious Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship, and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. We'll be having a pizza party sponsored by AAFES. If you are a military spouse who lives on the Presidio, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

Activity closure

The Presidio Education Center, Building 1216, will close at 10 a.m. Tuesday, so our employees can participate in Organization Day activities. Closure will not affect the college class which meets in the building.

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop will close permanently for sales June 23. Withdrawal for consigned items is scheduled for June 28 and 29 or before. Remaining consigned items in the Thrift Shop will become Thrift Shop property and will be sold at the Final Flea Market July 2. Additional information for consignors is available at the Thrift Shop during regular hours.

Thrift Shop fixtures are being sold now, with a future pick-up date. Items for sale include showcases, cash registers, clothing racks, shelving, and a computer. A complete list of fixtures for sale is available at the Thrift Shop.

Records workshop

A records disposition workshop will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 16. Taught by the National Archives and Records Administration Office, this workshop will focus on the proper procedures for SF-135 preparation, MARKS guidance and related disposition procedures. This class will be tailored to base closure; attendees are asked to provide specific questions or problems for coverage during the class. Only nine seats are left for this one-day training to be held in the CPO classroom. This class will not be repeated. Deadline for reservations is today. To reserve a seat, contact M.J. Helgerson, CPO Training, at **561-3779**.

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Berkeley has blocks of shops

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

If you're limited on funds or don't have an automobile, it can be difficult to find fun things to do or see in the Bay Area. However, you can visit the interesting university town of Berkeley just by hopping on BART -- Bay Area Rapid Transit.

Although Berkeley has plenty of public parking, BART may still be the best way to go. It's quick and can be half the fun of the trip. The trains are frequent and inexpensive ($1.20 to go from Powell Street station in San Francisco to Berkeley station).

When you get off BART at the Berkeley station, you'll be on Shattuck Street, one of Berkeley's various activity corridors. You won't find malls in Berkeley, but you will find hundreds of interesting shops. On Shattuck Street, there are many restaurants and small stores. One of my favorite stops is the Barnes and Noble bookstore at Shattuck and Channing. It's housed in a former automobile showroom and is very roomy and well-stocked.

Four blocks closer to campus (head east) is Telegraph Avenue. Telegraph leads right into the UC Berkeley campus via the Sather Gate and always has the atmosphere of a craft faire or some other type of festival. Telegraph is usually very busy because, along with dozens of fascinating stores and restaurants, the sidewalks are lined by street vendors selling everything from knick-knacks to reasonably priced handmade jewelry (e.g., $3 a pair for earrings).

One of my favorite stops on Telegraph is Raleigh's Pub, which is a reasonably priced place to buy lunch. They have great sandwiches and hamburgers (and also carry Blackthorne hard cider, which is one of my very favorite libations).

If you like music, Rasputin Records and Amoeba Records have outstanding selections in every department and carry a vast variety of imports for reasonable prices. A friend of mine went to Rasputin before coming to my house and showed me some outstanding deals on Japanese import CDs by David Bowie (our mutual favorite artist).

If, like me, you are a book fiend, Cody's Books and Half-Price Books are must-sees on your trek down Telegraph Avenue. Cody's takes up most of a city block, and clerks will provide you with a map of the store to help you find what you need. My personal favorite thing to do in Cody's is just wander around and see what I find that's new and unusual.

There are numerous nightclubs on Telegraph, but perhaps the best known is Larry Blake's Rhythm & Blues Cafe. This is a cellar bar with sawdust on the floor -- and the best place I've seen in the Bay Area for blues bands.

If you decide to wander around Berkeley's other streets, perhaps through student housing, you'll see outstanding examples of Edwardian and Victorian architecture blended with modern buildings on every block.

People are friendly and will chat with you about anything -- in addition to providing directions if you get turned around on your way back to Shattuck Street for the BART ride home.

Stop & shop

(Above) Telegraph Avenue is a busy street. It has a festival like atmosphere with several vendor stands right on the sidewalk. Street vendors on Telegraph Avenue sell everything from hand-made jewelry to knick knacks. You can pick things up at reasonable prices. (Left) Larry Blake's Rhythm and Blues Cafe is one of the best known night clubs on Telegraph Avenue. It is a cellar bar with sawdust on the floor. Many great blues bands perform at the club regularly.

Discover a different world

By Dixie Porter
Community Relations Officer, Public Affairs Office

What can I do now? I'm bored; there's nothing to do! Why can't we go to the show, the beach, the park, the mall? No, I don't want to do that! Everybody else is doing something exciting. Why can't we do something else? Does this sound familiar? With school to soon be out, exciting ways to entertain the younger members of the family will become a premium items. There's a place close by that can cure some of those complaints for the 2- to 10-year-old group.

It's called the Discovery Museum and it's located at Fort Baker, Sausalito, California. It can be visited on a drop-in or membership basis during the summer on Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On a drop-in basis, tickets are $5 per person with babies under 1 year free. You can join the Museum with a "Family" membership for $48, which allows free admission for a year for two parents and their children, oryou may purchase a "Grandparent" membership for the same price which allows admission of grandparents and their grandchildren.

During the school year, hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 am to 5 pm. Tuesdays are reserved for school groups making visits and having classes. There are after school programs, weekend workshops, evening family workshops, Wee Wednesdays, Thrilling Thursdays, and Frolicking Fridays for pre-schoolers and their care givers. For additional information on membership (types, benefits and cost), call the general information phone number, **(415) 487-4398**. This is a voice mail recording which gives you access to a variety of information about the Museum. You can also get information on future exhibits and coming events through this phone number.

The museum has science labs, art and architecture projects, nature walks, computer graphics and networking, animation and video production workshops, ceramics, a pedal-powered carousel, an undersea tunnel, a space maze, a fishing boat, and special projects and exhibitions.

In June for Saturday workshops, there will be a ceramics class "Collage of Textures" for ages 6 and up, "Clay and Play" for ages 4 and 5, continuing and beginning, and one for ages 2 and 3 at various dates. The Museum is open until 8:30 p.m. the last Friday of each month and features special programs. Some of the future programs are:

—June 24-Paranoix Poor Theater company, Part of the West Coast tour of the Greek shadow theater of Leonidas Kassapides.

—July 29-Onye Onyemaechi, a drummer and dancer from the state of Imo in Nigeria returns with a fun-filled program of African Music.

—August 26-Totem Tales, an unusual blend of mime, slapstick, sign language and storytelling by the L'eau Theque Productions which brings the stories of the Zuni, Ojibwa and Seneca tribes to life. A great program even for toddlers!

—September 30-San Francisco Wushu Troupe, an exciting evening featuring the martial arts of China.

In addition to daytime programs, there are mini-camps held during the summer for the 5- to 7- and 8- to 10-year-olds. These camps cover such diverse subjects such as Soapbox Car Construction, On the Bay, Paper Making and Printing, Clown Camp, KBAD - Discover Radio, Ceramics, Computer Animation and Carpentry, to name a few. For additional information, prices and details on how to sign-up, call **(415) 289-7266**. Camps tend to fill quickly on a first come, first serve basis, so it is recommended that you call the museum early to inquire about availability.

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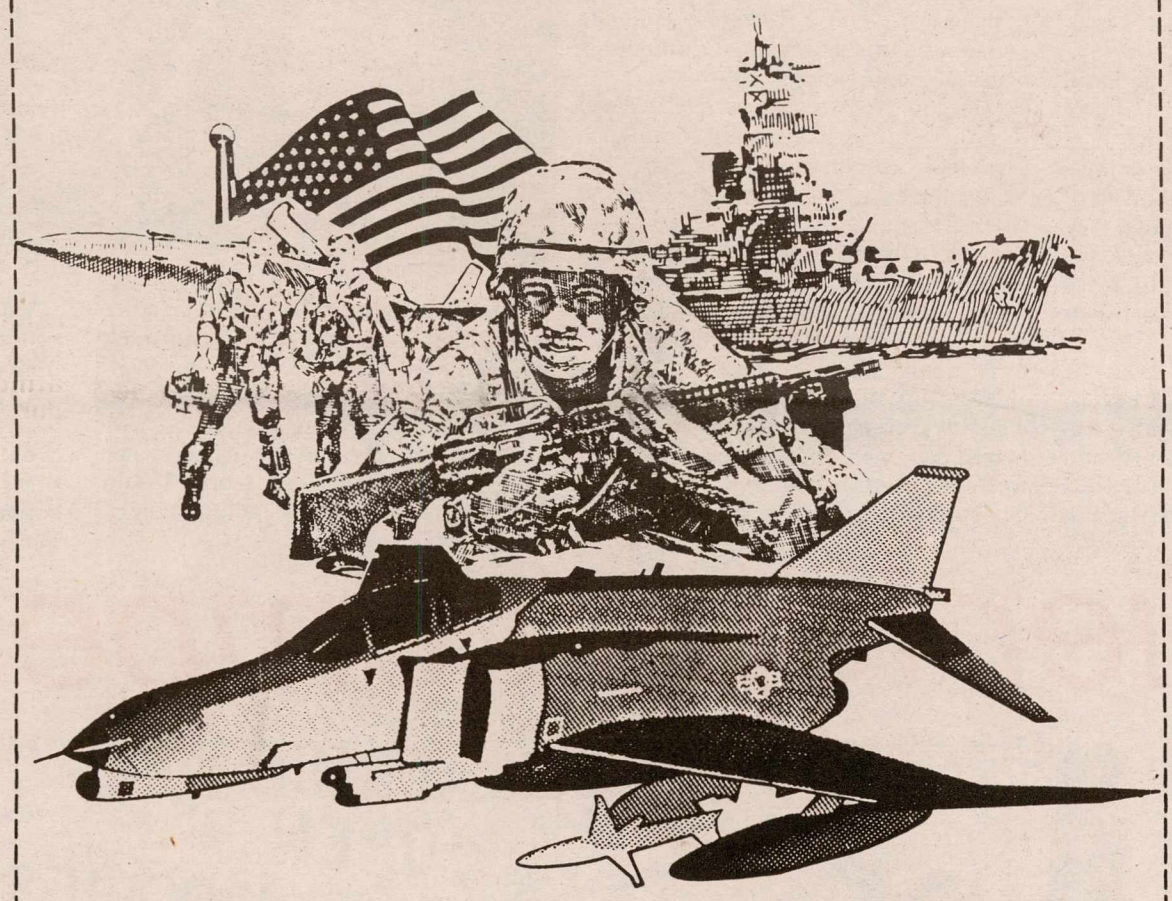

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MP named post's best

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

When he isn't assisting, protecting and defending, he's winning honors as the Presidio NCO of the Quarter.

Between traffic accidents and spending time with his family, Sgt. Richard W. Vater managed to prepare for the boards and win. When he's not coloring with 2-1/2-year-old daughter Kierstin or playing peek-a-boo with 9-month-old Rhyan, Vater is investigating traffic accidents. And he somehow finds time to take college classes, study for the Soldiers Development Test, get ready for BNCOC and improve his GT score.

"I had four or five things going at one time, so I was very busy. I studied in between traffic accidents while on duty, and my wife, Rochelle, helped me study at home," Vater said as he was watching his daughter draw on the chalk board. "I spent a lot of time preparing. [Law Enforcement Company] 1st Sgt. [Delores] Carter also helped me study. I went to a couple study sessions every week.

"I felt very confident. I figured there wasn't much they could ask me that I didn't know. I got off to a slow start. Sgt. Maj Hansell started with some tough questions," Vater admitted. "I felt the post board was a little more intense. At all the boards, they look for high standards, but I think the standards get higher for each board. I was really nervous. I don't think you can ever shake the nerves."

"He did very well on the board. It was one of the best board appearances I have seen, said Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, Traffic Accident Section NCOIC. "I knew he would do a good job and win the board. He's always squared away and self-motivated. It didn't take a lot of effort on my part or anyone elses's to help Vater prepare for the board. He did it himself."

While preparing for the boards, Vater was also getting his bags packed for school.

Vater will attend the Basic Noncommissioned Officers' course this month and says he will do his best. His performance here and at the Primary Leadership Development Course are evidence that his best is outstanding.

"I feel my greatest accomplishment was being honor graduate at PLDC," Vater said. In April of 1992, he attended PLDC at Fort Ord, Calif. Vater was promoted to sergeant in August of that same year.

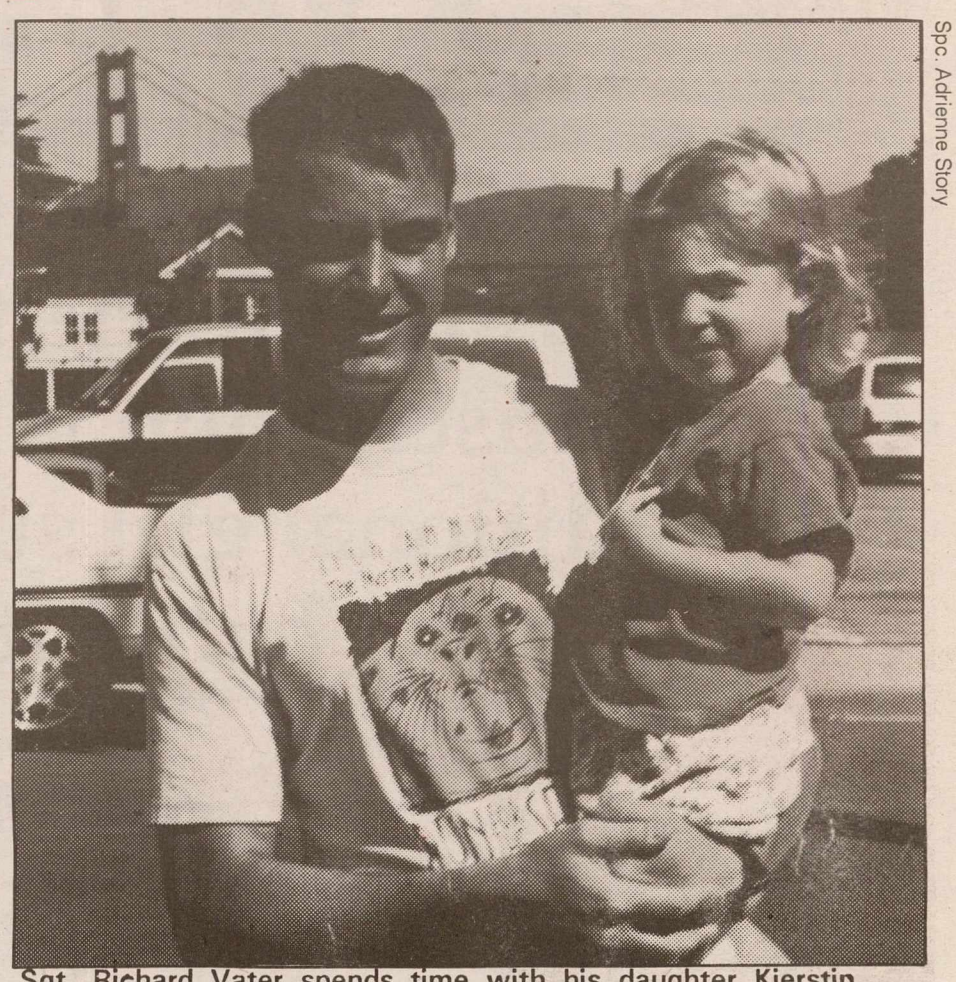
"I think he'll do well at BNCOC. I would be surprised if he didn't come back as honor graduate," Garrett said. "He fits in with any mission or job. He takes charge and runs with it. He's a very responsible NCO, and he'll make one heck of a platoon sergeant someday."

Now, after being a sergeant promotable, he plans to become staff sergeant, continue winning boards and make it through his one-year tour in Korea.

"I'm going to do my best at BNCOC, and from there go to Korea, make it through and get as many schools as I can," the MP said. "I'll come back to the states after that and take it from there."

The NCO of the Quarter admits his greatest challenge was keeping his sanity while assigned to a physical security site in Germany. However, his job at the Presidio offers a challenge every day.

"Our job gets difficult at times," said Vater, who was keeping a close eye on his blonde-haired daughter. "Last week we had six traffic accidents in two days. Sometimes it gets hectic.



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Sgt. Richard Vater spends time with his daughter Kierstin.

"It can also be tough trying to remember everything. You really have to keep track of all the laws and vehicle codes," he added. "Sometimes the numbers can just start to run together."

Despite the stress in the office, Vater manages to do his job well, score a 289 on his PT test and be an outstanding soldier.

Vater is not only a good soldier, but he's a good leader. A soldier in his section will be competing for Soldier of the Month honors.

"All soldiers should attend these boards. It's a good experience. Right now a soldier in our office is preparing for the boards," Vater added. "We'll help him prepare and hopefully it will be a clean sweep in the Traffic Section."

Soldier tops competition

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

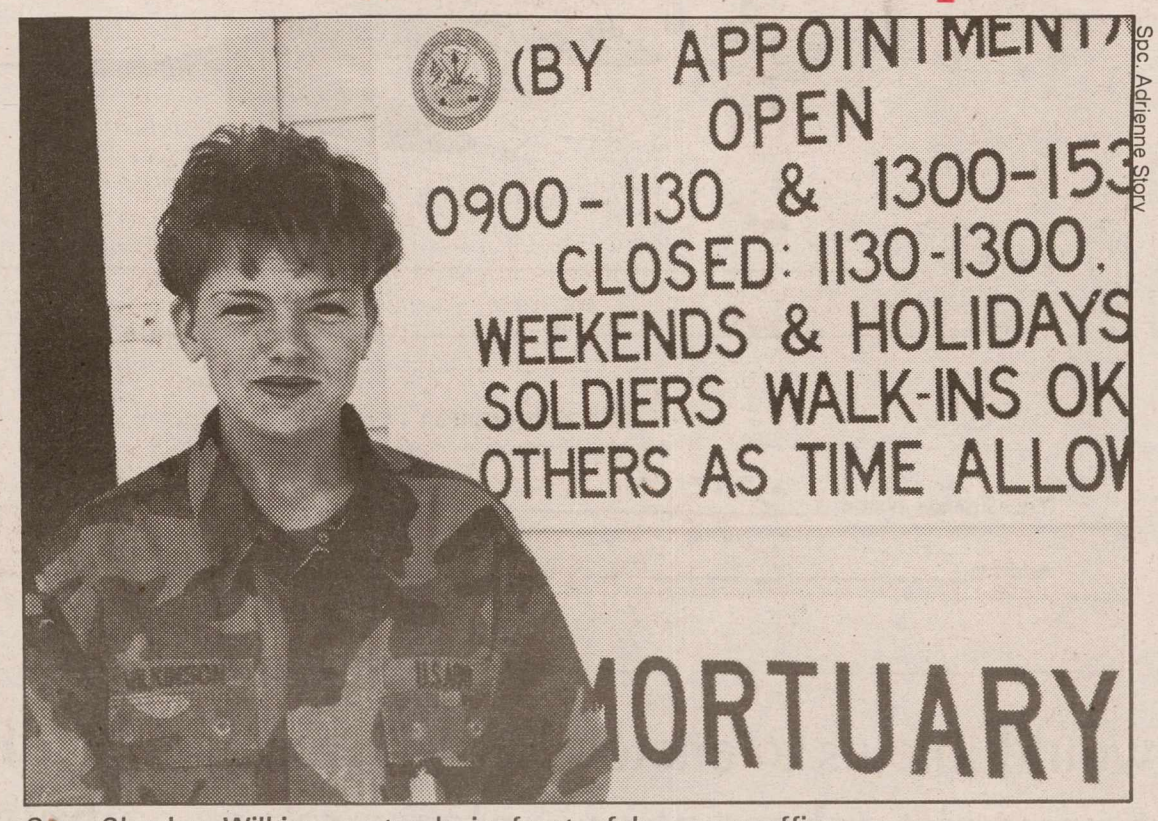
Juggling her family at home, her Presidio "family" of soldiers with personnel problems and preparing for boards is all in a days work for Spc. Shaylea Wilkinson. She was named the Presidio Soldier of the Month for April. Her awards ceremony was held May 24 when she was awarded an Army Achievement Medal.

In January, Wilkinson began preparing for the February Headquarters and Headquarters Company Soldier of the Month Board. After she won, she represented her company at the Headquarters Command Battalion competition and won again.

"I thought I would win the boards, because I did so well on the promotion board in Germany. It was a really tough board. So I knew if I spent as much time preparing for these boards as I did the promotion board, I would do well," the blue-eyed blonde said. "The toughest part of the post board was the written part. I think it was the toughest board because of the written test and the map reading. There is also a greater pressure to win."

Because of her duty performance, Wilkinson was recommended for the board. She had proved her ability even before her first competition.

"She was well versed already in the military. I placed her in charge of another soldier, and she did a good job," said Cpl. Michael Williams, SIDPERS Training NCO. "I recommended her on what she had already done and what she wanted to do."



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Spc. Shaylea Wilkinson stands in front of her new office.

The mother of 2-year-old Zackery and wife of Evan Wilkinson had her goal set when she began preparing for the boards.

"I competed to gain military knowledge and self improvement," she said. "The 1st Sgt. [Richard Griego] encouraged me to compete. I was determined to win. I think all soldiers should compete at these boards. The military knowledge you gain is worth more than even the awards or presents. Soldiers should set their goals and compete."

According to her supervisor, Wilkinson not only impressed him, but she also impressed all the board members.

"She did an excellent job on all the boards," said Williams who sat behind her during the boards. "She out-classed everyone hands down. I saw the reflections of the people asking the questions, and they were impressed with her answers and how she answered the questions."

Wilkinson is a SIDPERS analyst. Because the Military Personnel Division closed, she will be working in the ID cards and records section and is prepared for the challenge.

"It will be a challenge to take on a new job and make sure everything is done just right," she admits. "We'll do a good job. I don't think there will be any problems."

Wilkinson has more goals set. She is working to become a sergeant and continue to rise through the ranks and earn honors such as her most recent accomplishment.

"I think my greatest accomplishment was being selected as post soldier of the month," she said. "I still have goals. I want to become sergeant and achieve higher ranks."

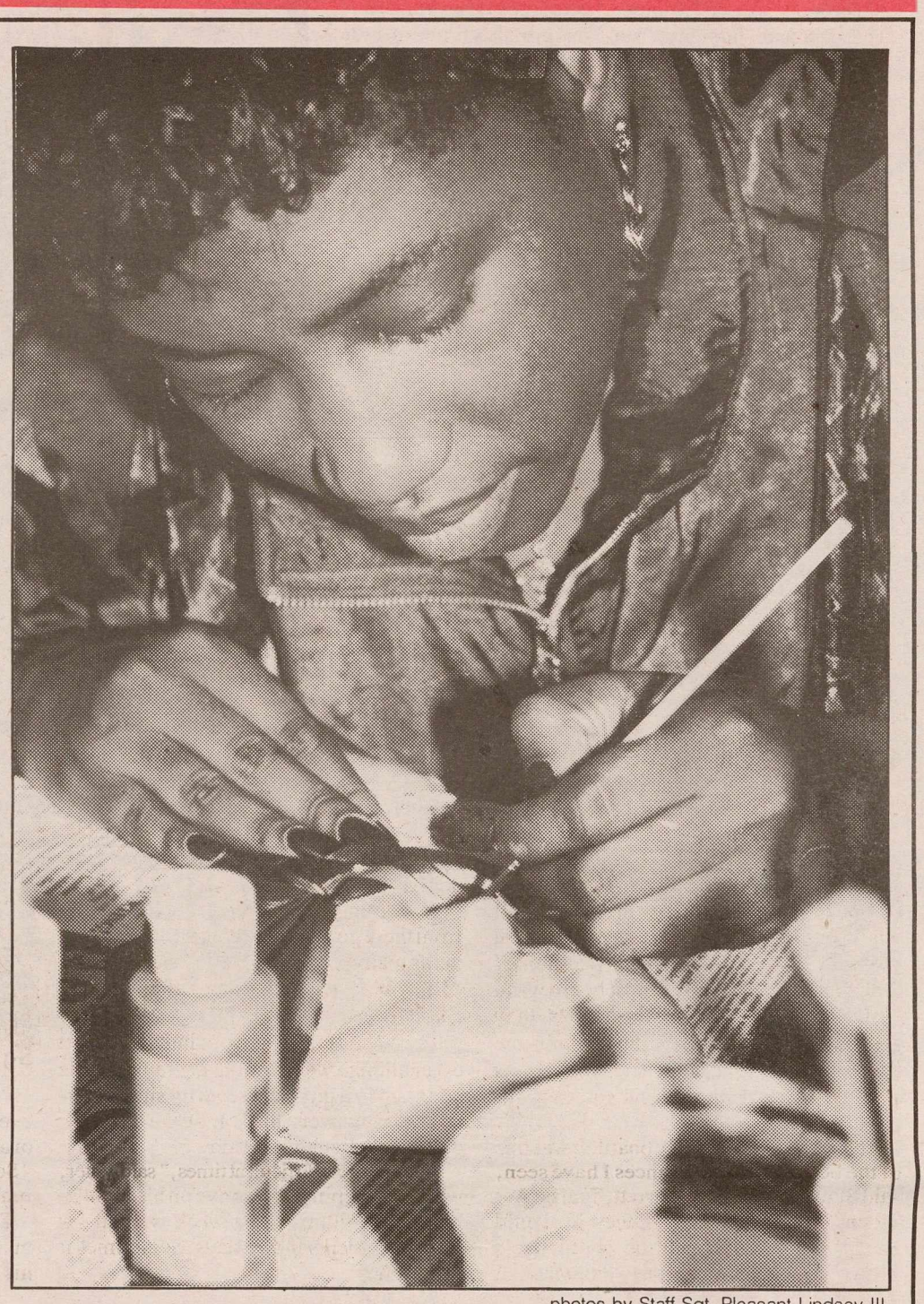
The 5' 4" Wilkinson has faced many challenges since she's been at the Presidio— competing for the boards, helping another soldier prepare and working in another military occupational skill— but her toughest challenge she faces every day.

"I think my toughest challenge is juggling a family and a career and setting aside time for both. I think I've done a good job," she said.

"I am very proud of her, and I'm glad she achieved her goals and won the boards," Williams concluded. "She did what she could do to elevate herself, her country and her uniform."

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Chaplain (Capt.) Randall Dolinger, formerly the Headquarters Command Battalion chaplain, left Presidio today. He is on his way to his new duty station in Germany. His care and dedication for the soldiers he served will be greatly missed.



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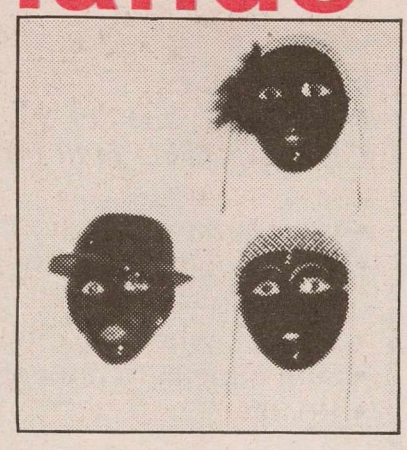
Creative hands

Working on the finest details, Sgt. Dorothy Caldwell, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic, decorates a ceramic face. She also casts and decorates vases, dinner ware (plates, saucers, cups), statuettes and other objects d'art. Caldwell, who recently transitioned from the Army, will be relocating to Dayton, Ohio. Caldwell made ceramic pieces for her friends while she was here. She said she plans to eventually open her own ceramics business in Dayton and continue with her artistic talents.

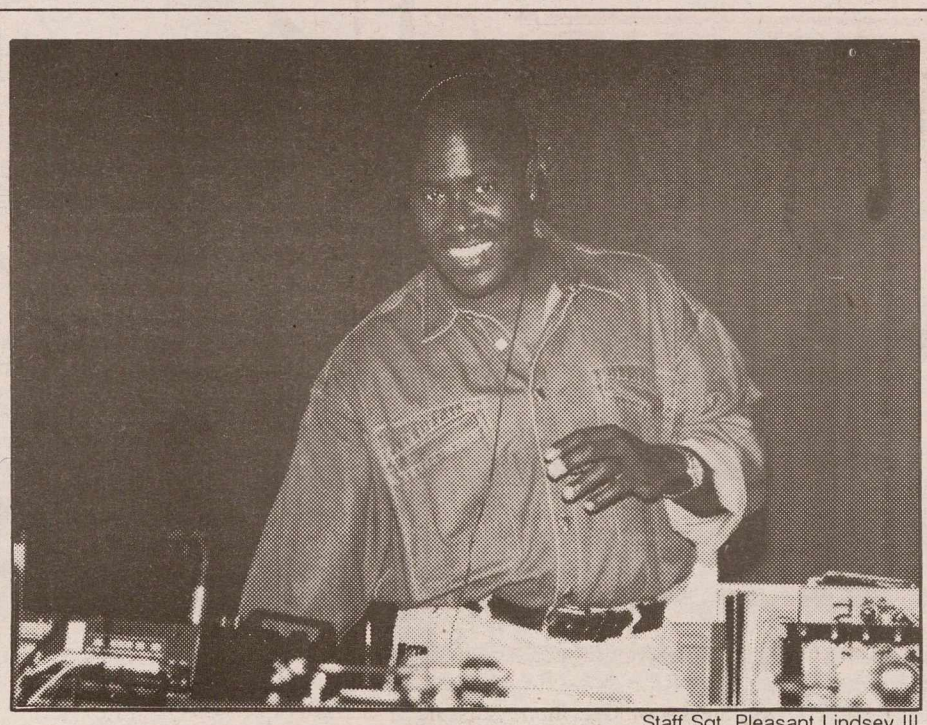


Sharon Everett-Roles

Have you seen this dog? Probably. His name is Sam and Col. Mark McCracken, Sixth U.S. Army National Guard Advisor, is his proud owner. He often shows Sam off around post.

Dancing the night away

The Presidio held its final "Bosses Night" June 3 in the Enlisted/Golden Gate Community Club. D.J. Big O spun the hits and there was plenty of food for everyone. The Club will eventually be turned over to the Park Service in July as part of the Presidio's transition.



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DPW awards

DPW took a break from their hectic schedule May 11 to honor some of their own. Col. Gregory A. Renn, Garrison Commander, presented "On The Spot" awards to Dan Jacoby and Roland Robbs. Col. Frank Janecek, chief of DPW, presented performance awards to Ofelio Aguinaldo, Alvin Bernhardt, Gary Gainey, Benjamin Green, Raymond Hernandez, Dan Jacoby, Steven Lethio, Charles Lynch, Hector Martinez, Leo Pasco, James Porter, Anita Pintily, Clarence Swiggins, Mary P. Symonds and Enoch Villanueva. Janecek presented special act or service awards to Kelly Doerr, Nancy Freeman, Ramona Hinajon, Walter Huber, Roland Jeung, Louise Olson, Luzon Ramos, Magdalena Ramos, James Roth, and Robert Tallman. Last, but not least, Janecek presented Tyrone Turner with a length of service award and pin for 15 years of fine work with the DPW.

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The next Docent Training Class begins July 19 and runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Lecturers include acknowledged experts on San Francisco history and architecture.

San Francisco Heritage also sponsors Heritage Hikes, a highly acclaimed program for school children. Heritage Hikes Docents lead school groups through the Haas-Lilienthal House, teaching them what it would have been like to grow up in a house like this during the late Victorian era.

For information and application forms, contact Stacia Fink, Docent Coordinator, at **441-3000**.

Public Affairs closure

The Public Affairs Office will close at 11:30 a.m., June 17, for a going-away party in honor of Lt. Col. Steven Fredericks and Spc. Adrienne Story. The office will reopen at 7:30 a.m., June 20.

ITT News

The Presidio's Information, Tickets & Tours (ITT) Office, Building 210, closes June 30. Drop by and purchase a bargain (while supplies last) on AMC and UA movie tickets, San Francisco Visitors' maps, PSF Guide maps, Guide to State Parks maps and more.

Marathon volunteers needed

The City of San Francisco Marathon, Pacific Association will hold a marathon and a 5-kilometer run July 31. The marathon portion will impede traffic at the Golden Gate Bridge approach from the Presidio.

The marathon's course will start on the North side of the Golden Gate Bridge and continue by the Palace of Fine Arts, through North Beach, Chinatown, the Embarcadero, the Mission and Haight Ashbury districts, through Golden Gate Park to the Pacific Ocean, and finish at Kezar Stadium. The marathon requires runners to possess a valid 1994 USA Track & Field membership card at the time of the race.

In a new twist, the marathon can be run as a relay, with four 6.5 mile segments run separately by four people to complete the marathon.

Race packets can be picked up at the Sports and Fitness Expo at the San Francisco Hilton & Towers from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 29 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 30. No packets will be mailed.

The 5K run will begin at the finish line at Kezar Stadium, wind its way through Golden Gate Park and finish back at Kezar. Anyone may enter the 5K race.

If you're not a runner, you may consider volunteering to help support these runs. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the races. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt.

For sign-up, volunteering and other information, call the COSFM at **391-2123** or write the City of San Francisco Marathon, C/O Pacific Association, P.O. Box 77148, San Francisco, Calif., 94107.

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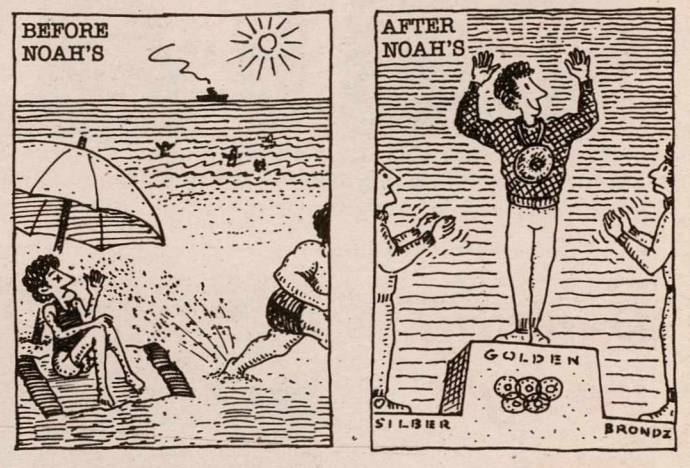

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Presidians commemorate D-Day

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Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander and Col. Giles F. Grider, Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff, place a wreath on the grave site of the unkown soldier at the San Francisco National Cemetery to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Soldiers raced ashore through the fog, threatening skies and thunderous seas to battle an even stronger enemy than the weather. They were fighting for the freedom of all, and thousands died for that courageous quest.

Monday marked the 50th anniversary of D-Day, when American and allied forces landed at Normandy beaches during World War II.

"We are gathered here today to close ranks with those American soldiers—those American heroes—who so bravely took part in what General Eisenhower called the 'great crusade,'" said Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, during the D-Day retreat ceremony held Monday at Pershing Square. "Fifty years ago today, thousands upon thousands of our fellow soldiers paid with their lives so that freedom and democracy would survive."

As Sixth U.S. Army and Headquarters Command Battalion soldiers stood in formation, some World War II veterans watched and remembered what that day was like.

"When the word of D-Day got out, everything just stopped," said James R. Farrell, a former Army Air Force pilot. "I was on a mission and stopped in Mobile, Ala., and nothing was open. The Church bells rang out. It was quite a solemn occasion."

Farrell, whose wife and grandson attended the ceremony, signed up for service the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor and said he had quite a number of friends who fought at Normandy. However, his mission was in the Pacific.

"Because of [allied soldiers'] courage, dedication and sacrifice, D-Day will always be remembered as one of America's most solemn days, as it is one of America's poudest," Mallory continued.

Despite the odds against the soldiers fighting that Normandy battle 50 years ago, they still were able to win the fight and instill freedom for European countries which had fallen under Hitler's rule.

"Envision those brave American soldiers fighting the stormy seas as they fought a determined and dangerous enemy," the general said. "Those that fought and won—those that fought and died—symbolize the spirit of every American soldier who has ever served our great nation.

"They did so very much to preserve the way of life we are so fortunate to enjoy today," Mallory added. "More than any other group, they painfully proved that freedom is never free.

As Mallory spoke, soldiers, veterans and many who remember the news of D-Day mourned the deaths of those who lost their lives in that battle

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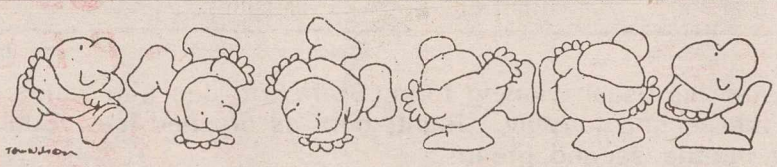

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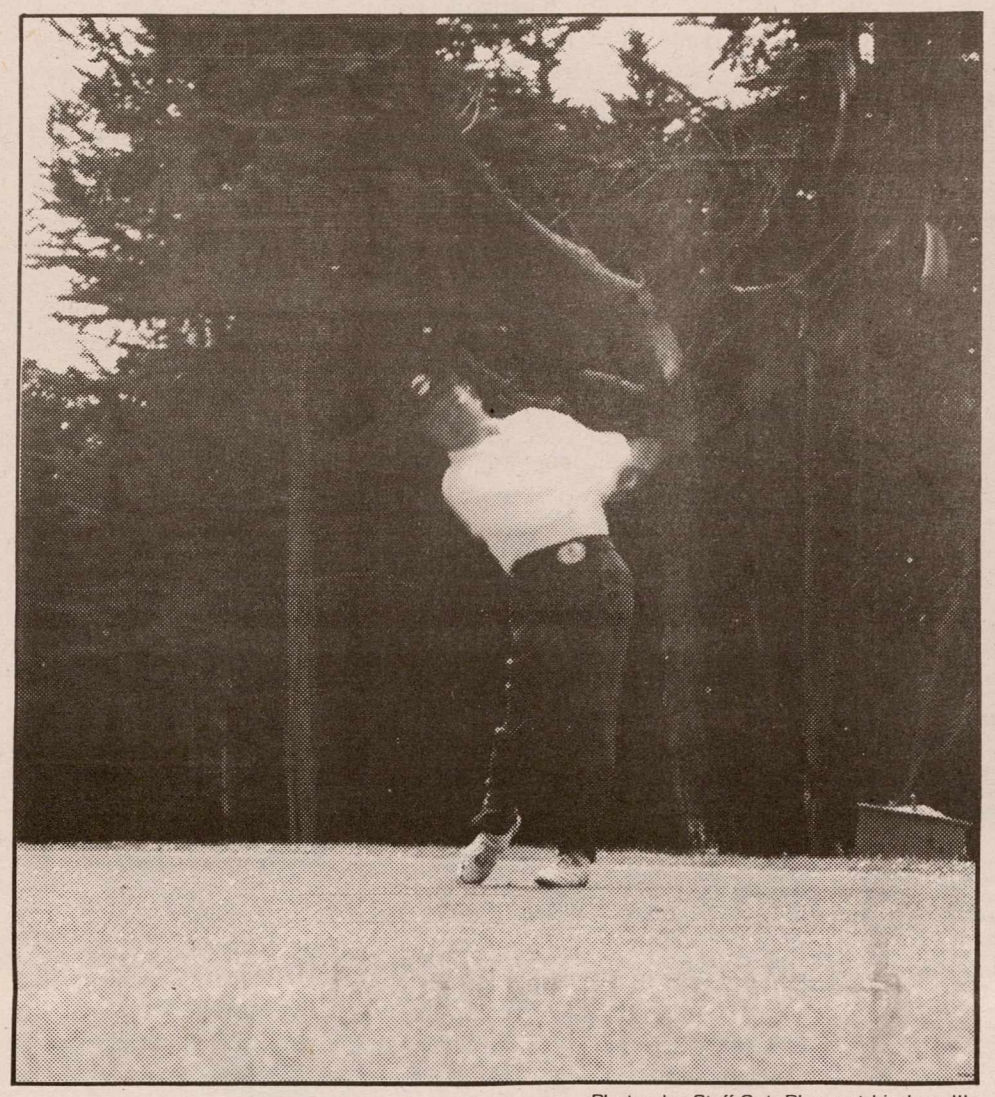

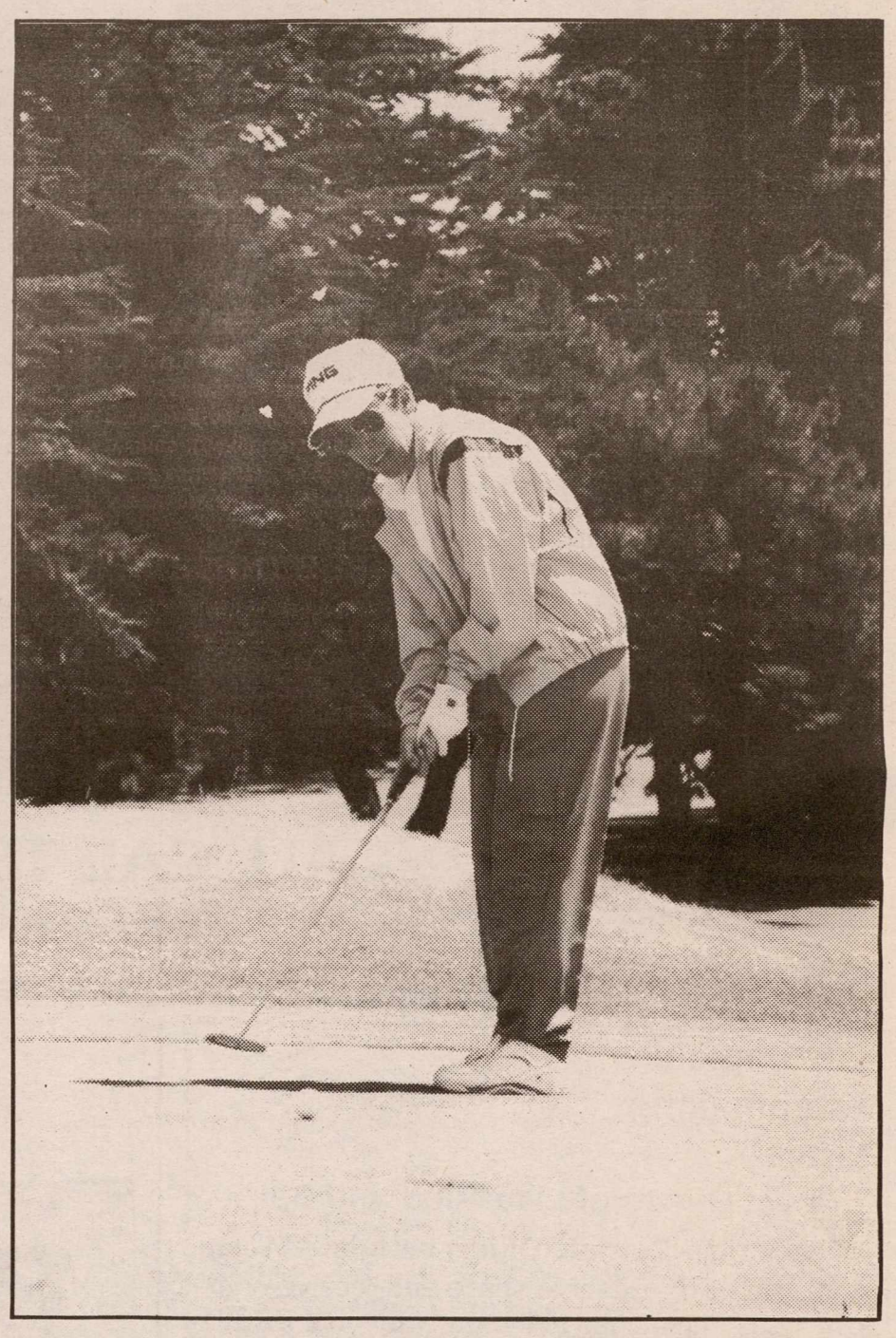

Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Above, showing his usual winning form, Staff Sgt. Jee Kim sends a drive down the second fairway. Right, cool as crushed ice, Buhls sinks a putt on the second green.

The Presidio Army Golf Course is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, and you won't find any foxes or beagles playing around on the fairways. For more information about use of the course or the Club House, call 751-0562.

Bowling

Hui O Hawaii League three-way tie for first

The Stakers and Lil' Kolohe II have rolled from the bottom to the top of the heap in the Hui O Hawaii Summer League's third week with near identical 8-4 records after 12 games bowled (the teams are separated by their scratch scores). Up Your Alley is also 8-4 to make a three-way tie for first place.

The stars of the week included the Stakers' Barbara Bagley, who bowled 202 and a 575 series, and Lil' Kolohe II's Rick Camacho, who rolled a 216 game and a 571 series.

Vivian Cabugos of The Islanders is now the hot woman bowler in the league. Her 203 scratch and 237 handicap scores are the highest for the women so far, as is her 636 high series handicap.

The week's 200 keglers included: **Camacho**, 216; **Bud Fleming**, Whom Knows, 216; **George Niemi**, Roving Sub, 214; **Don Banks**, Stakers, 205; **Greg Gomez**, Stakers, 203; **Bagley**, 202 and 201; and **John Peterson**, Up Your Alley, 202.

Standings after 12 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **Stakers** 8-4, 6,657
2. **Lil' Kolohe** II 8-4, 6,581
3. **Up Your Alley** 8-4, 6,795
4. **Four Tops** 7-5, 6,518
5. **Islanders** 4-4, 6,379
6. **Whom Knows** 4-8, 6,283
7. **Hi Rollers** 3-5, 4,484
8. **Navy Wenches** 2-10, 6,129

Readiness Group no. 1, remains undefeated

Rick Camacho of Readiness Group-PSF tossed a 209 game and totaled a 596 series to help his team remain on top of the Intramural Summer Bowling League after three weeks of play.

Camacho, whose handicap is 0, also rolled a 207 game. His 596 made him the league's top high series scratch bowler so far this season.

Teammate Felix Mallorca was bumped from the number one spot in the high game scratch category, after Rod Cabugos of Operational Readiness Evaluation scored a 236 high game scratch.

Barbara Bagley (name sound familiar?) bowled a 181 game and 509 series to lead the women bowlers. Her 509 put her on top in the women's high series scratch standings, and the 181 made her the league's top high game scratch bowler for the women.

The week's 200 bowlers included: **Cabugos**, 236; **Camacho**, 209 and 207; **John Peterson**, RTD, 203; and **Bob Bernsdorf**, Community Recreation Division, 201.

Standings after 12 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **RG-PSF** 12-0, 5,183
2. **RTD** 9-3, 4,960
3. **CMD GRP** 7-5, 5,036
4. **ORE #I** 7-5, 4.991
5. **CRD Sports** 5.5-6.5, 4,853
6. **ORE** 4.5-7.5, 4,832
7. **ORE #II** 2-10, 4,761

Seven/Eleven reigns, dominates Reno League

Robert Jackson bowled games of 212 and 210 to help his team, Seven/Eleven, retain first place in the Reno Fun Summer League after three weeks. Jackson, whose handicap is 0, remains among the top two male bowlers in the high game scratch, high series scratch and high series handicap categories.

Jackson also rolled a 208 game and totaled a 603 series to be named one of the stars of the week.

The other star of the week was the Strokers' Barbara Bagley, who bowled a 200 game and a 554 series. Bagley also extended her lead over the women in the high series scratch category with 554 points as the high for the season.

The week's 200 bowlers included: **Jackson**, 212 and 210; **Phil Moses**, The 4 Rollers, 202; and **Bagley**, 200.

Standings after 12 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **Seven/Eleven** 10-2, 6,609
2. **The 4 Rollers** 9-3, 6,853
3. **Family Affair** 8-4, 6,368
4. **Active/Retirees** 6-6, 4,317*
5. **Four Tops** 6-6, 6,415*
6. **Pai Gow Pokers** 4-8, 6,259
7. **Strokers** 1-11, 6,139

*The Active/Retirees have a 719 average and 1,983 high series scratch; Four tops have a 712 average and 1,926 HSS.

Compiled by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

DPW column

Water quality information

The Presidio of San Francisco has initiated public notification of the post's status under the California Surface Water Filtration and Disinfection Treatment Regulations. The regulations require that certain filtration standards be met for water supplies. This notification to all water consumers is being published to conform with the State of California Department of Health Services regulations. Recent changes now require additional treatment of surface water, or public notification that changes haven't been completed.

The Presidio drinking water remains safe, of excellent quality, and is satisfactory in all respects.

The water is routinely tested in accordance with all existing regulations. The Department of Health Services requires the Presidio to make the following informational statement to its customers:

The State of California Department of Health Services sets drinking water standards and has determined the presence of microbiological contaminants are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. If water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in that water may cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The DIIS has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes or destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet DHS requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.

Please contact the Environmental Office at **561-3024** if there are any questions arising from this statement or other concerns about the Presidio's water. The Presidio will continue to give notice in this paper every three months until the Presidio Water Treatment Plant is in compliance with the SWTR.

The post is following the requirement of the SWTR regulations, Section 64666(b), Chapter 17, Title 22, California Code of Regulations; and Section 64464.3, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR.

(Directorate of Public Works)

D-Day

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which became known as "the longest day." They envisioned, as Mallory said, the soldiers racing across the stormy seas and fighting the weather to battle the deadly foe who was waiting their arrival.

"This day has many painful memories for a lot of people. Mothers lost their sons, and wives lost their husbands, and children lost their fathers," said Catherine Gordan, whose husband was a World War II veteran. "It puts a lump in my throat."

As some spectators swallowed the tears, Mallory continued his tribute to those who fought at Normandy.

"We gather to say that we will never forget the cost they paid for freedom and that we will never forget their courage and the honor they brought to our flag, to our Army and to our nation" Mallory concluded. "Thank you for joining me in saluting the memory of our D-Day heroes."

At the conclusion of Mallory's speech, retreat was sounded, and the flag was lowered. The Sixth U.S. Army band performed, and many wiped the tears from their faces as they remembered the sacrifices of their fellow soldiers.

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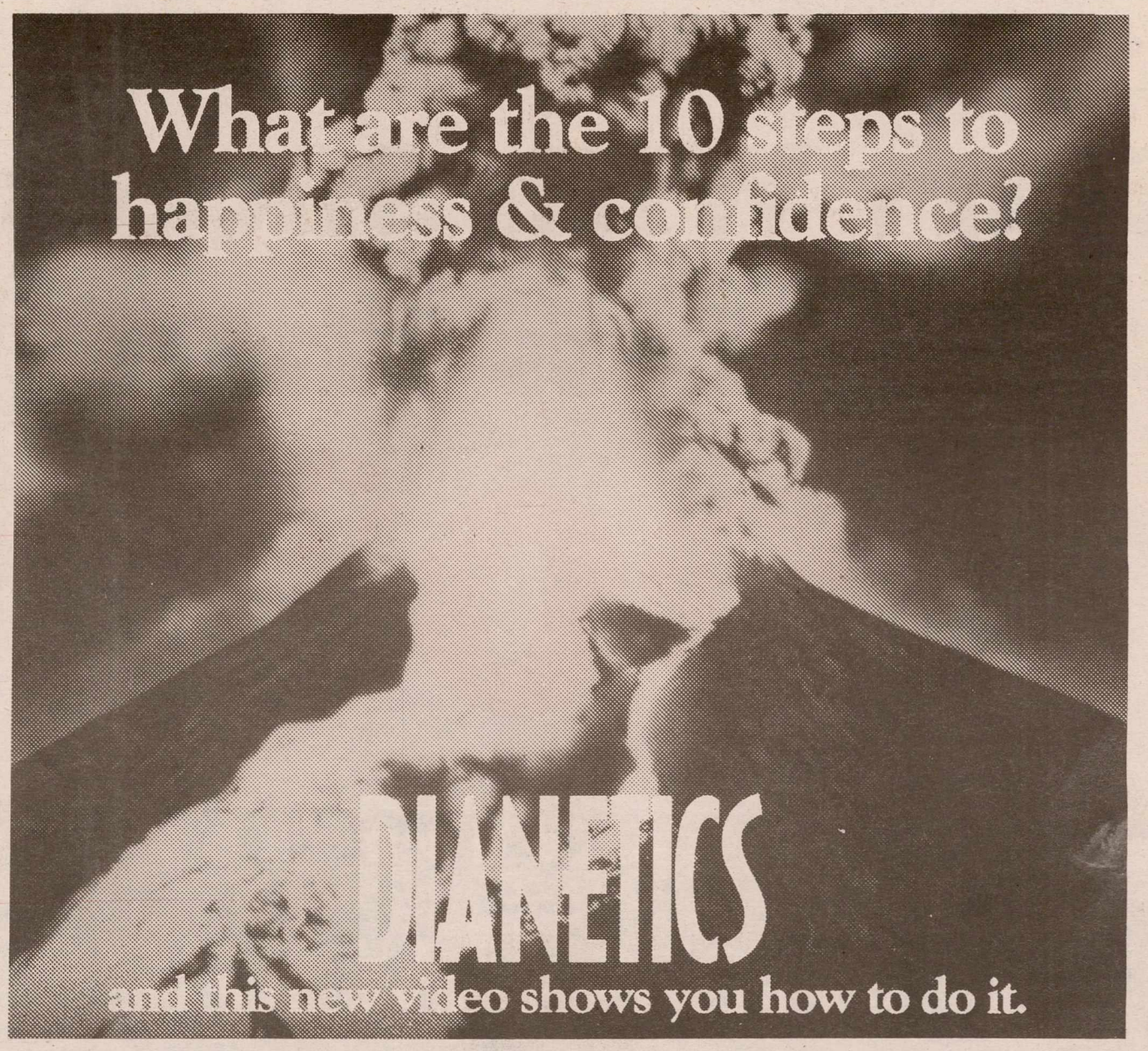

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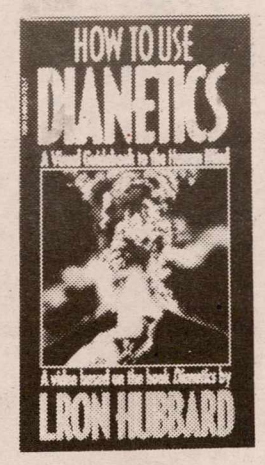

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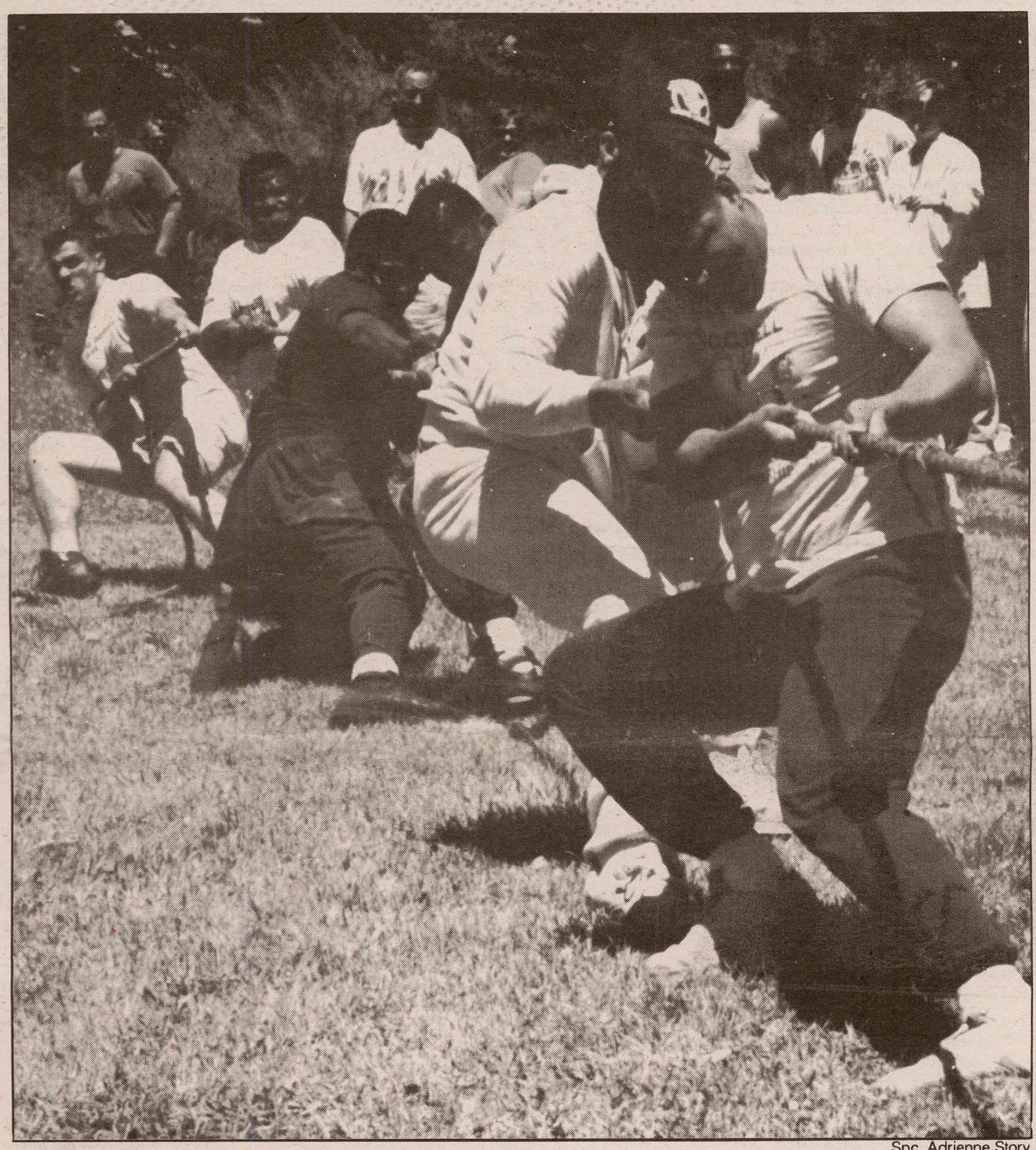


Spc. Adrienne Story

Friendly competition?!

Fighting to pull the other team across the line, soldiers put all of their strength into the tug-of-war competition. During the Army Birthday celebration, Presidians competed in several activities. See Pages 8 & 9 for story and more photos.

Military vehicle misuse will *NOT* be tolerated

By Maj. Patrick O. Galyean
Director of Logistics

Recently there have been several instances of unauthorized use of government vehicles on the Presidio. Army Regulation 58-1 specifically prohibits the unauthorized use of government vehicles by any licensed driver.

Examples of misuse of government vehicles include:

-- Using a government vehicle to conduct personal business.

-- Stopping at any store or commercial activity to conduct personal business.

"It is okay to stop and get some lunch if you're out on government business," said Tom Wilkins, Transportation Motor Pool. "You can't take the vehicle specifically to get lunch."

-- Parking a government vehicle at your place of residence.

-- Using a government vehicle for domicile to duty travel or duty to domicile travel.

-- Driving a government vehicle on trips greater than 75 miles (one way) without the approval of the Transportation Division.

"That's intended to keep people from taking the vehicles when they go TDY," Wilkins explained.

-- Using a government vehicle solely for personal convenience by virtue of rank or prestige.

While these examples are not inclusive, they do demonstrate those areas where we have experienced the most trouble.

Remember, government vehicles are only authorized for use in support of official business. Avoid the appearance of wrongdoing!

The punishment for misuse of a government vehicle is quite severe. Civilian employees can be suspended from duty without pay for a period of not less than one month or, if the circumstances warrant, fired.

Military personnel are subject to punishment under the provisions of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

If you have questions, please contact the Transportation Motor Pool at **561-2660**.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

My family and neighbors are not pleased about the looks of our neighborhood.

As my little girl, Austria, would say, "what happened?" What happened was we received a letter (undated) notifying us that water line construction crews would be installing an eight-inch water main on the entire stretch of our street May 10 and construction would last through May 13. Well, that was at least three weeks ago.

So, what happened? The contractor came and went. That's what a contractor should be doing WHEN THE JOB IS COMPLETED! As they say, "the job ain't done until the paperwork is completed and the ink is dry." This is more paperwork and hopefully it will create even more paperwork. Then maybe the job will be "completed" properly.

Yes, the contractor came and went. The problem is that they didn't finish the job and therefore created all kinds of problems and potential problems.

What didn't the contractor finish or do? Well, they:

— Left numerous holes of various sizes in my neighbor's yards, all with a one-and-a-quarter inch diameter pipe sticking up in the hole or protruding above the ground (many pipes and holes were without barriers and were left unprotected).

— Left holes in yards for a fire hydrant hookup(?).

— Left a large, uncovered hole on one end of our street.

— Left a couple of bent street signs.

— Removed a street sign, which was then left in someone's yard.

— Left numerous large, heavy metal black pipes of various lengths all over the neighborhood (even though the street was repaved).

— Left wooden pallets with plastic debris in a couple of locations.

— Left chunks of street pavement all over the place.

— Failed to clean our street (dirt, gravel, rocks and at least one gravel mount were left).

— May have used inferior paving materials.

— Left a large hole covered with a one-inch thick steel plate that we constantly drive over.

— Left portions of my neighbors' yards dug up, and the lawns are currently dead or dying.

— Overall, it appears that the contractor had total disregard for other peoples' property.

Because the contractor didn't properly finish the job:

— Military Police have to tell children not to play in the holes located in their yards (and our neighborhood has many children).

— Parents have to worry about their children falling in the holes and possibly drowning (when the lawn is watered, the hole may collect and hold water).

— The uncovered hole in the street is a safety hazard, a magnet for children, and a potential liability for the government because civilians use the ballpark located near the hole.

— People are driving down our one-way streets in the wrong direction because the signs are either bent or removed.

— Children can play on and around the black pipes and possibly be injured.

— The Park Service, San Francisco Conservation Corps and other grounds maintenance people cannot properly maintain our park or mow the common areas because of pipes and other debris in the way.

— The contractor appears to be using our neighborhood as a dumping ground.

— Our neighborhood looks like a garbage dump. (We once prided ourselves on having the best neighborhood on the Presidio.)

— Children are playing with and moving chunks of street pavement and depositing them around the neighborhood (Why not? The place looks like a dumping ground anyway).

— Our vehicles have to be washed and rewashed (thereby wasting water) because of the constant dust problem.

— Portions of the repaved areas aren ot holding up and are disintegrating.

— Constant driving over the steel plate, which has exposed sharp edges, is not good for our vehicles' tires or suspension.

— Someone has to replant or re-sod the dug-up lawns.

Another example of the contractor's disregard for other people's property was their disregard for our yards. They ignored our requests to not drive over and park their heavy equipment on our lawns. There were plenty of places to park their equipment and there was plenty of room to get the job done without driving on our lawns. It appears that the contractor's attitude was "Who cares? It's not my yard."

Worst of all, this deplorable situation makes people look bad. Here is what I mean:

— It looks like the government contract inspectors are not doing their job. If they were, I wouldn't be writing this letter to the editor.

— It looks like the safety people are not identifying and correcting safety hazards.

— CSM Linda Boudy [who recently retired] was always around about keeping on top of things. I remember when another contractor left a hole in my neighbor's yard, CSM Boudy made it a top priority because it was a safety hazard. Now, we have more and larger holes and no one seems to care

— With the limited hours at the Letterman Troop Medical Clinic during weekdays and complete closure on weekends, any injuries will be costly because we have to use civilian medical facilities.

— It looks like we, the occupants, do not care about or have any pride about our yards.

— It looks like we, the taxpayers, are not getting our money's worth from this contractor. (I can't even fathom the value of this contract.)

— Worst of all, it looks like our leadership doesn't care and, therefore, why should we care.

Remember, the above is based on what we can still see. Can you imagine what possible problems lie ahead for things we can't see?

For example, the contractor was very efficient at digging up, laying and fitting the sections of pipe and then and repaving the street. With the sectional pipe covered up, how do we test and locate leaks? Wouldn't it have been better to test for leaking prior to repaving the street?

I am only using common sense and do not profess to know everything. However, I do worry that the contractor is going to be long gone and we, the taxpayers, are going to have to foot the additional bill for any problems that accidentally leak to the surface. Please accept my apology if I am wrong about the pipe being test prior to it being covered up.

You may be wondering why I chose to write this letter rather than notifying the appropriate people. First, I don't think the right hand knows what the left hand is doing. The above proves that. The second reason is that I am sick and tired of promises, excuses and red tape. Third, many of my neighbors are complaining but not taking any action.

Finally, I wanted to see how long it would take before anybody did anything. I can't wait anymore. I am frustrated with the appearance of our neighborhood. I am going to do something.

Be assured that I care. That's why you have this letter to read. My neighbors and I are waiting to see what effect this letter has on the situation. Hopefully, we will see some action.

Am I being too harsh? My neighbors who have read this letter don't think so.

Was I writing about your neighborhood? Was your neighborhood in better or worse condition after the contractors left? If the contractor left debris or damage in your neighborhood, maybe this letter will encourage them to clean up and fix any damage in your area. If the contractor hasn't come through your neighborhood yet, maybe they will think twice about what they are doing. Hopefully our experience is your gain.

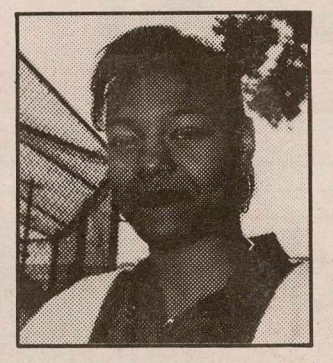
THOMAS L. CHO

Editor's note:

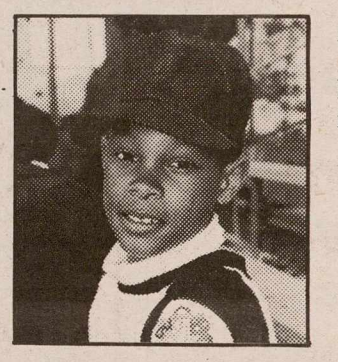
The Corps of Engineers responded to this letter. See Page 11 for their comments.

Ask Presidians

"What will you be doing this summer?"



Tiani Bryce-Miller, 16: "I plan on moving to Fort Wainright, Alaska."



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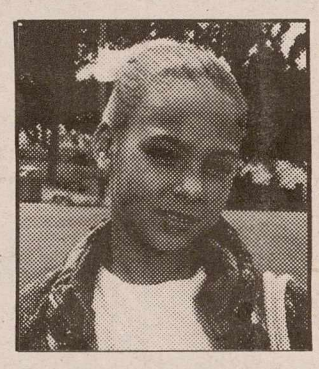
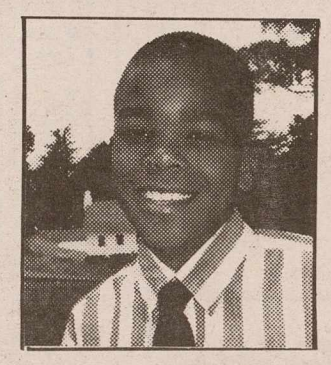
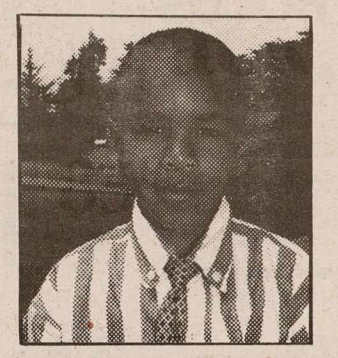


Krystle Meserve, 11: "I've got my mom all to myself this summer and we're going to Great America."

Kimberly-Ann Glanville, 11: "I'm going to Camp Mendocino, New York and maybe to Disney Land."



Wonzel Baker: "I'm going to visit my grandmother."



Kwadon Baker: "I'm going swimming."
All summer?
"Yes, all summer."

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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The California Employment Development Department has a representative available at the Civilian Personnel office every Thursday. If you are affected by a RIF or are being involuntarily separated from the military, EDD can help with the following: unemployment insurance, job referrals, labor market information, occupational forecasts, job training or retraining referrals, counseling, testing, skills assessment, and information in other states. For appointments with the EDD representative, call Deitra Greene, Outplacement, at **561-2430**. The EDD representative is only available Thursdays. Please ask for a job services registration application and complete the form before scheduled appointment.

A recent caller to the Dial-A-Boss line asked, "I understand the VSIP/VERA was not offered to NAF employees because 'funds were not available.' What has the Commander done to obtain the needed funding or to generate funds by increasing costs or eliminating unprofitable activities?"

Col. Gregory A. Renn, Garrison Commander, asked the *Star Presidian* to publish his response, which follows:

"On May 18, MACOM Commanders were given authority to approve VSIP for non-appropriated fund (NAF) employees at their installations. The authorization *stipulated all VSIP costs* are to be paid from installation funding — the local Installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund, or IMWRF. Unfortunately, there is a big difference between authorization for funding and availability of funding. The bottom line is there are not enough funds in our Presidio IMWRF to offer voluntary separation incentive pay, or VSIP, to our employees. In fact, we requested financial assistance from Forces Command so we could offer NAF VSIP. Their response was similar to ours — there aren't enough funds. However, they agreed to provide the necessary additional funding to meet our financial obligation in providing severance pay to our NAF employees. The amount of extra funds required for NAF VSIP — more than $200 thousand dollars — was beyond our ability to raise through local price hikes at just our few revenue-generating activities. The elimination of unprofitable activities — including vital operations, such as Youth Activities — would not have helped either and would have caused unacceptable hardship on our community."

Below is the latest list of jobs provided by the Outplacement Office. For information or applications, call Dietra Greene at **561-2430**.

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Social Security Administration, San Francisco: Receptionist (AO), GS-304-3/4.

Department of Veterans Affairs, San Francisco: Secretary (Typing), GS-318-6.

Navy Public Works Center: Management Analyst, GS-343-9; Environmental Protection Specialist, GS-028-7/9/11.

Department of Defense, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, Seattle, Wash.: Employee Relations Specialist, GS-7/9/11/12.

Naval Air Warfare Center-Weapons Center, Point Mugu, Calif.: Computer Specialist, GS-1102-12; Plumber, WG-4206-5/7/9; Water Treatment Plant Operator, WG-5409-09; Electrician, WG-2810-5/8/10; Electric Power Controller Leader, WL-5407-10; Public Utilities Specialist, GS-1130-11; Supervisory Contract Specialist, GS-1130-11; Contract Specialist, GS-1102-11; Electrical Engineer, DP-850-2/3; Planner & Estimator (Structural), WD-4701-08; Engineering Technician, GS-0802-11; Boiler Plant Equipment Mechanic, WG-5409-5/8/10; Automotive Transportation Specialist, GS-2150-11; Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic, WG-5306-5/8/10; Boiler Plant Equipment Mechanic, WG-5309-5/8/10; Housing Manager, GS-1173-9/11; Housing Management Assistant, GS-1173-07; Air Traffic Control Specialist, GS-2142-12; Operations Test Specialist, GS-301-12; Range Controller, GS-301-12; Electronics Technician, GS-856-11; Engineering Technician, GS-0802-11.

Headquarters, 34th Support Group, Seoul, Korea: Employee Relations Specialist, GS-230-12; Maintenance Mechanic, WS-4749-13.

Headquarters, U.S. Army Training Support Activity, Korea: Supervisory Range Specialist, GS-301-11.

U.S. Army Troop Command, St. Louis, Mo. Assistant Chief of Staff (G-1), Morale, Welfare & Recreation Division: Community Recreation Program Specialist, GS-301-11/12.

U.S. Army Troop Command, St. Louis, Mo. Assistant Chief of Staff, Battle Simulation Center: Logistics Management Specialist, GS-346-11.

Department of Defense, Civilian Personnel Management Service, Alexandria, Va.: Employee Relations Specialist, GS-230-11/12/13.

Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.: Contract Financial Analyst, GS-1101-14; Computer Specialist, GS-334-13/14; Environmental Specialist, GS-028-11/12; Management Assistant, GS-344-5/6/7.

Defense Logistics Agency, Alexandria, Va.: Employment Relations Specialist, GS-230-9/11/12; Procurement Analyst (two positions), GS-1102-15; Quality Assurance Specialist (Electronics), GS-1910-12.

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County of Solano, Calif.: District Attorney Investigator.

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Defense transition programs designed to prevent problems

By F. Peter Wigginton
American Forces Information Service

Defense transition programs have been designed to whip two fundamental problems, said Dorothy Robyn, special presidential assistant on the National Economic Council.

The first challenge is to ease economic adjustments facing communities, firms and workers who have depended on DoD for their livelihood. The second is to meet future military needs despite a smaller defense budget. She spoke at the recent 1994 Defense Budget Project Conference in Washington.

Although defense downsizing is national in scope, Robyn said, the impact actually is at the regional level. Between 1991 and 1997, two-thirds of all job offers related to cutbacks will be in ten states.

Accordingly, she said, President Bill Clinton's $22 billion, five-year initiative in defense reinvestment and conversion directs new investments in four areas: community redevelopment, worker retraining, dual-use technology and civilian technology with significant conversion opportunities.

Regarding the economic adjustment program, Robyn said many defense industry centers have the potential to excel in global competition.

In contrast to declining textile or steel areas, defense industrial regions usually have a critical mass of advanced technology, engineering expertise, skilled craft-labor and very specialized research and development, including universities, she said.

Such capabilities eventually will give these regions competitive advantage in international markets in dual-use technology, such as biomedical technology, advanced transportation and communication systems.

"That was our rationale for targeted federal assistance to these regions, to retrain defense workers and foster dual-use technology development," she added. These efforts will not only improve the U.S. economy but also will preserve the regions as part of the defense industrial base.

The key to the second challenge is technology.

To maintain technological superiority, DoD must change fundamentally the way it invests in technology. It must eliminate barriers — caused by DoD's procurement system — between defense and commercial sectors. She quoted Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch as saying, "The Defense Department no longer has the luxury of being able to afford its own private industry."

Robyn said cost is one driver of commercial and military integration. For example, integrated circuits available commercially for $1 cost DoD $10; the $9 differences due largely to overhead.

Another reason to integrate is DoD cannot get access to the very best technology it needs, especially electronics, software and communications. Robyn said five of the top 10 semiconductor producers will not do business with the Defense Department.

As an example, she said Pratt and Whitney makes engines on a relatively integrated production line but cannot get Intel, Motorola or several other companies to integrate their electronic work into the production line, because Pratt and Whitney follows defense-unique requirements these commercial chip makers will not follow.

Robyn said that during Desert Storm the Army wanted to buy commercial radio receivers from Motorola to solve interoperability problems. But Motorola could not sell them, because the company's commercial division did not abide by DoD cost accounting standards and other government-unique requirements. Since there was insufficient time to resolve the problem, the Army had the Japanese buy 6,000 commercial Motorola radio receivers, donate them to the war effort and credit the purchase against the U.S. account.

The third reason driving commercial-military integration is to get away from the shrinking defense industrial base. Robyn characterized it as "becoming ghettoized." Because of its increasing isolation, the base will be unable to attract sufficient capital to maintain its technological leadership and research capabilities, she said.

She said the Technology Reinvestment Program incorporates a dual-use vision designed to speed up integration of defense and commercial sectors. "This is what the Technology Reinvestment Project is all about. It is not disaster relief for beleaguered defense firms.

"It is not a source of plowshare programs trying to get large defense firms to go from making tanks to posters or making submarines to commercial boats. It is a program designed to provide for the Defense Department's future needs through an integrated commercial-military sector."

The strategy calls for three types of programs.

Technology development will create new dual-use products and process technology to meet military needs that are commercially viable, widely available and affordable for the department. The second type, for technology deployment, will ensure small manufacturing firms can compete in a global commercial market. And the third, for manufacturing education and training, is designed to raise manufacturing to a level with other engineering and tactical systems.

The common elements of the eight programs creating the project are designed to foster competition, meet some defense need, share industry-government funding equally and encourage collaboration among companies.

Encouraging collaboration is like teaching a dog to hunt, she said. "If you take a dog out into the field, you can spend all day with it and not teach it how to hunt. But if you send it out with another dog that already knows how, the second learns how to hunt very quickly."

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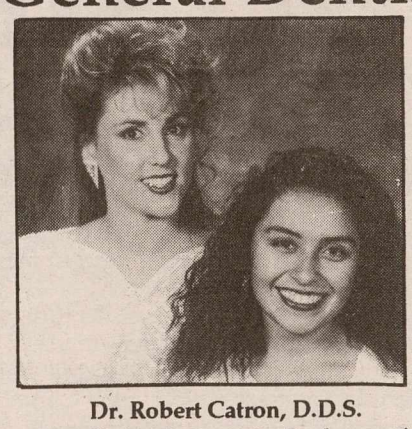

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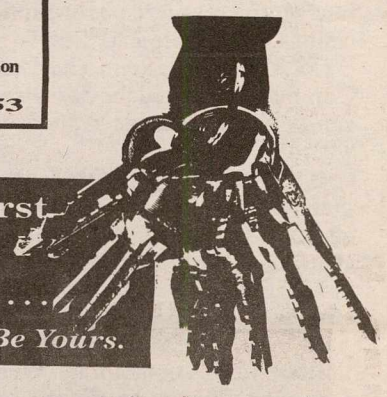

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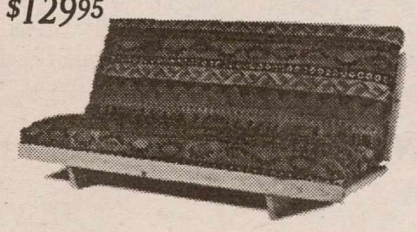

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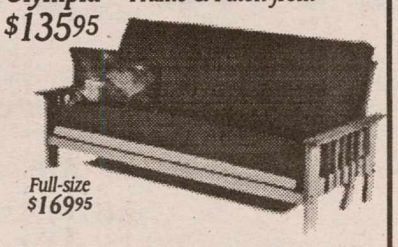

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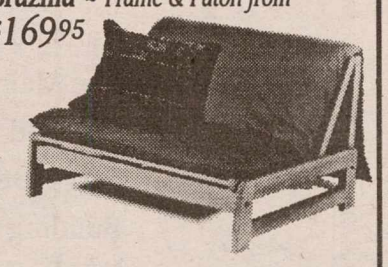

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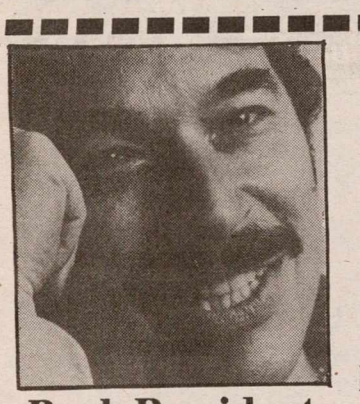

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Tuition assistance

The Education Center has no funding available for the Army Tuition Assistance Program from now through Sept. 30. Funding after Oct. 1 will be determined by Fort Lewis, Wash. Soldiers are invited to contact the Education Center to discuss options such as testing for credit and in-service use of VA benefits.

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The next Docent Training Class begins July 19 and runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Lecturers include acknowledged experts on San Francisco history and architecture.

San Francisco Heritage also sponsors Heritage Hikes, a highly acclaimed program for school children. Heritage Hikes Docents lead school groups through the Haas-Lilienthal House, teaching them what it would have been like to grow up in a house like this during the late Victorian era.

For information and application forms, contact Stacia Fink, Docent Coordinator, at **441-3000**.

Multicultural event

A multicultural event with special emphasis on African and Native Americans takes place from noon until 4 p.m., July 21, at the Presidio Officers' Club. The keynote speaker at the buffet luncheon is Doris Ward, Assessor for the City and County of San Francisco. For information call Francisco DaCosta, Equal Opportunity Council member, at **556-0347**.

Letterman Clinic news

The following primary telephone numbers will be effective July 31 at the Lettertman U.S. Army Health Clinic: Medical Treatment & Sick Call, **561-3130/3133** (FAX **561-3136**); Dr. McDowell, **561-3160**; NCOIC's Office, **561-3143/3160**; Pharmacy, **561-3172**.

Outpatient specialty appointments will be coordinated through Dr. McDowell, Clinical Director for Active Duty Soldiers.

Outpatient specialty appointments for CHAMPUS Prime-eligible patients must be coordinated through Primary Care Managers with authorization through a Health Care Finder in the Patient Service Center. Call **561-0650** (dial the complete phone number).

With an authorized referral for Dermatology, Podiatry, Orthopedics, or Physical Medicine, appointments can be made by calling **561-3110**.

Again, these new numbers are effective July 31. Use the old phone numbers until then. Other phone numbers will not be changed. As numbers are changed, a directory will be published.

Phone numbers for the following clinics have been deleted because of consolidation: Allergy/Immunization Clinic, Dermatology Clinic, Gastroenterology, ENT Clinic, Internal Medicine Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, Physical Exams, Physical Medicine, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Orthopedic Clinic, and Surgical Clinic. If you have any questions or concerns about the above clinics, please call **561-3130/3133**.

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Phone numbers and information on Presidio services to remain, close

Here is the latest information on what military facilities and services are remaining on the Presidio of San Francisco after the transition to the Park Service, as well as the dates when other facilities will close or move. ***(Information provided by the Directorate of Personnel & Community Activities)***

Facility/Program	Status	Phone Number/Remarks/Alternate Program
Arts & Crafts	Closing July 1	**561-4324**
Riding Club	Closing July 1	**561-4324**
Auto Craft Shop	Closing July 1	Oakland Army Base, **(510) 466-3470**
Gym No. 2	Closing July 1	Use Main Gym, **561-4120**
Outdoor Recreation	Closing July 1	Oakland Army Base, **(510) 466-3470**
ITT	Closing July 1	**561-3992**
Log Cabin	Closing July 1	Building will be transferred to Park Service Oct. 1
Pop Hicks Field	Closing Oct. 1	Use Paul Goode Field, **561-3711**
Fort Scott Field	Closing Oct. 1	Use Paul Goode Field, **561-3711**
Golden Gate Club	Closing July 1	**921-1612**
Bowling Center	Closing Sept. 1	**561-5042**
Child Care Center	Closing July 1	**561-2310**
Thrift Shop	Closing July 2	**561-3188**
Red Cross	Closing July 1	Naval Hospital Oakland, **(510) 633-5880**
Post Theater	Closing Sept. 1	**921-0193**
Burger King	Closing Sept. 15	**673-1856**
Catholic Chapel	Closing Aug. 1	Services move to Main Post Chapel, **561-4711**
Laundry	Closing July 1	**561-2019**
RV Parking Lot	Closing Oct. 1	**561-4324**
Legal Assistance	Closing June 29	Moving to Bldg. 39, 3rd Floor, July 1, **561-4273**
Claims	Closing June 29	Submit claims to Bldg. 39, 3rd Floor, beginning July 1, **561-6093**
Golf Course	TBD	**751-0562**
Officers' Club	Remain Open	All Ranks Club July 1, **921-1612**
Swimming Pool	Remain Open	**561-3711**
Paul Goode Field	Remain Open	Reservations only, **561-4131**
Tennis Courts	Remain Open	Reservations only, **561-3711**
Family Child Care	Remain Open	Move to Buildings 1599/1539, **561-6372**
Army Emergency Relief	Remain Open	Move to Building 682, **561-5156**
Family Advocacy Program	Remain Open	Move to Building 682, **561-6373**
Relocation	Remain Open	Move to Building 682, **561-5256**
Education Center	Remain Open	Move to Building 682, **561-2974**
Youth Services	Remain Open	Relocate in September, Site TBD, **561-5143**
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention	Remain Open	Move to Building 682, **561-2528**
Boy Scout Hut	Remain Open	**561-3188**
Bridge Tickets	Remain Open	Building 35, Room 117, **561-3039**
Household Goods	Remain Open	U.S. Navy, Building 227, **561-2968**
Main Exchange	Remain Open	**922-4175**
Furniture Store	Remain Open	**563-2310**
Military Clothing Sales	Remain Open	Moved to Main Exchange Store May 31, **561-4727**
Class Six Store	Remain Open	Moved to Shoppette, **776-9619**
Shoppette	Remain Open	**776-9621**
Service Station	Remain Open	**922-5597**
Gas Station	Remain Open	**922-5597**
Car Wash	Remain Open	**922-0193**
Food Mall	Remain Open	**776-9367**
Self Help Store	Remain Open	Move to Building 204 in July, **561-4248**
Family Housing	Remain Open	Move to Building 204 in July, **561-5246**
Outdoor Maintenance Repair	Remain Open	National Park Service contract, **556-3004**
Indoor Maintenance Repair	Remain Open	Fort Lewis Directorate of Public Works contract, **561-4505**
Post Chapel	Remain Open	Becomes all faiths chapel, **561-4711**
Letterman Clinic	Remain Open	Active Duty and family members on space available basis. No Acute Care Clinic or Emergency Room. **561-2153**

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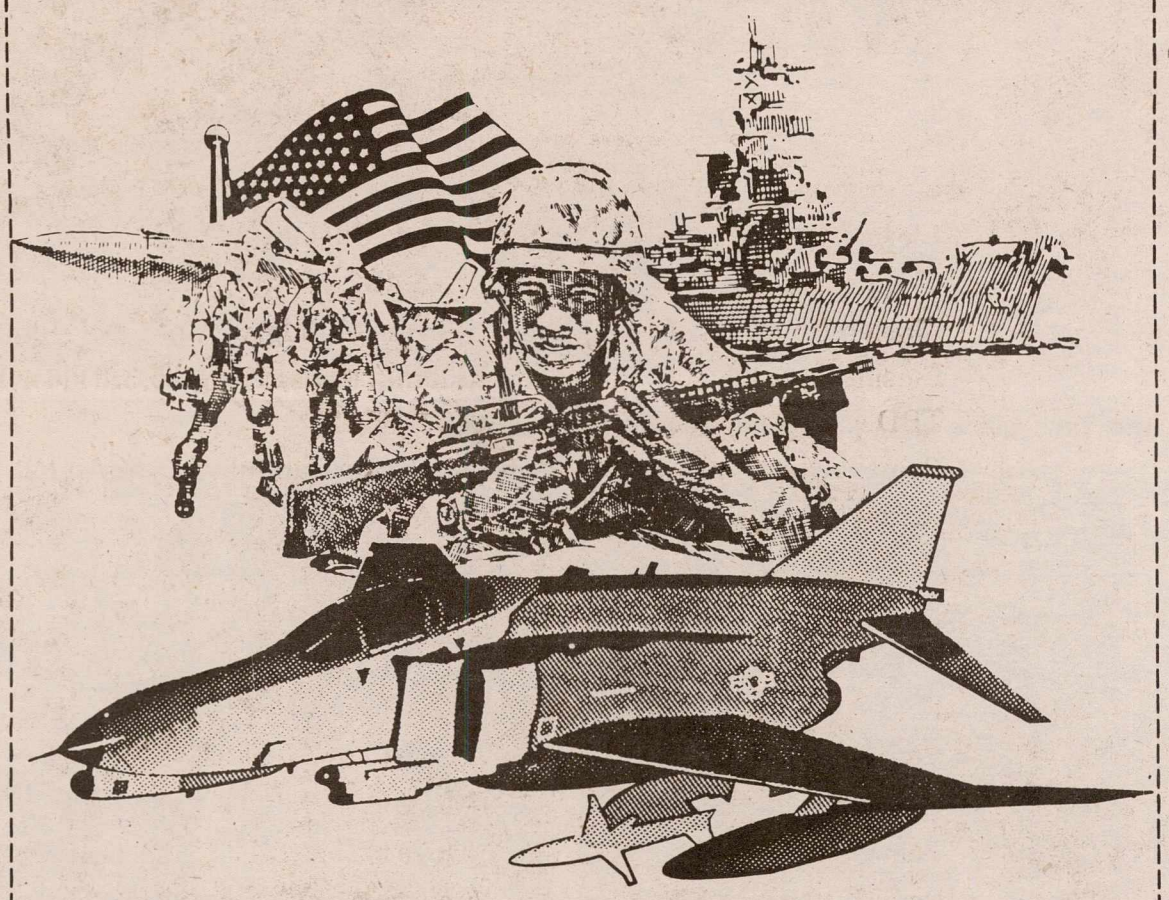

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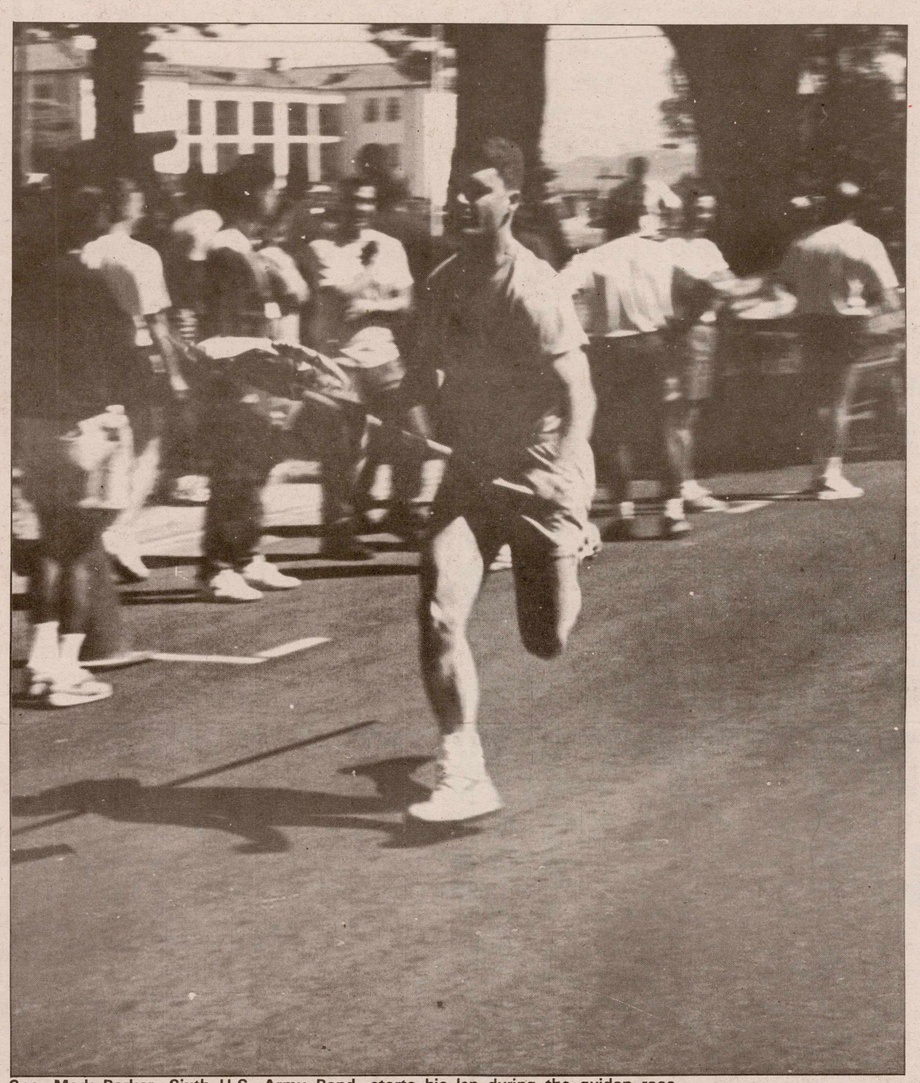
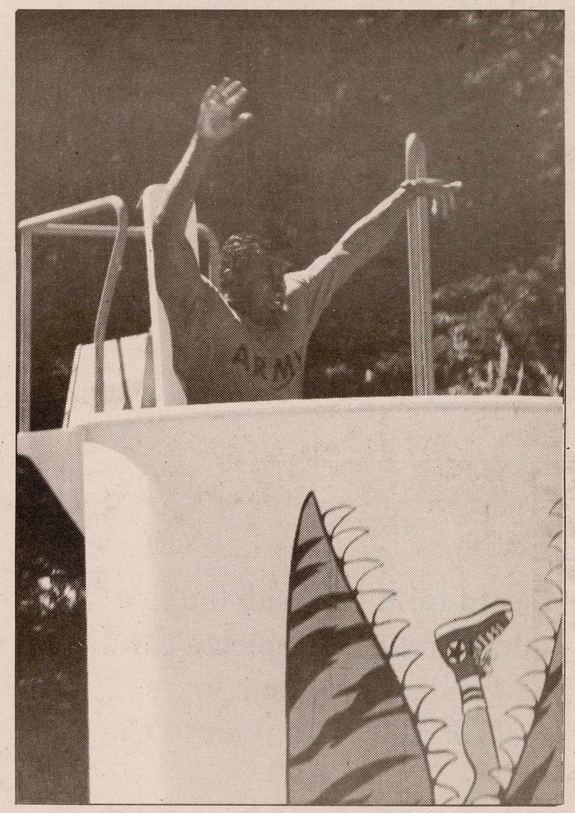
Army celebrates 219th birthday

RGPSF pulled their way into first place during the tug-of-war competition.



Spc. Mark Barker, Sixth U.S. Army Band, starts his lap during the guidon race.



Staff Sgt. David L. Jackson III, takes the splash after the target of the dunk tank was hit.

Participants in the guidon race get ready to take off.

Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidain staff

"I'm not sure what the command for it is, but have fun," said Major Gen. Robert S. Frix, Sixth U.S. Army deputy commander for active component.

And his command was followed as Presidians celebrated the Army's birthday.

The Presidio celebrated the Army's 219th birthday Tuesday. This also marked the 217th birthday of the U.S. flag.

An organization day was held at the Gym No. 1 parking lot for soldiers, civilian employees and their families. Several events ranging from an egg toss to volleyball games were held to add competition between units.

Eight teams competed in the volleyball tournament. LUSAHC took a strong first place over DOL.

Six teams fought for first place, but USAG ran away with an easy first place with RGPSF snagging a respectable second place.

The basketball free throw competition consisted of 11 teams of three people each. Each person had two minutes to make as many free throws as possible. DOL took first place. Master Sgt. Ramirez led his team in the number of made baskets. Jerome Rogan led the USAG team to second place.

LEC won the potato sack relay.

The tug-of-war contest was really tough this year. RGPSF pulled USAG over the line to give them the first place trophy.

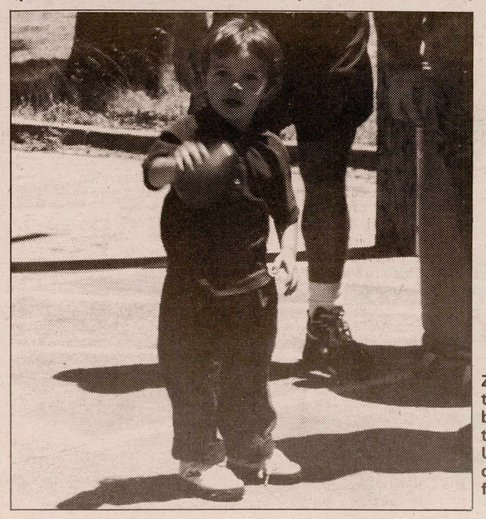
While the sporting events were going on the dunk tank was becoming a favorite with soldiers who were given the opportunity to get their commanders all wet. Two children who couldn't quite hit the handle with a baseball did the next best thing and pulled it, dropping Maj. Wanda Arceneaux in the tub of water. Some were confident that they wouldn't fall, wearing their hats and taunting the pitchers. However, every volunteer took the dip.

Some Presidians had egg on their faces, literally. The egg toss contest had two categories; 13 and under and over 13 age groups. The Gasparovic family walked away with some free movie tickets because they tossed the egg the farthest distance without breaking it.

Balloons were busted by kids of all ages at the balloon dart stand and during the water balloon toss contest.

The Association of the U.S. Army sponsored the event and bought items from the Main Exchange for the raffle drawing. They purchased a microwave oven, television, bicycle, a gas grill and lawn mower.

The ceremony ended as the Sixth U.S. Army band performed "Happy Birthday To You."



Zack Wilkinson tosses the water balloon for distance. Unfortunely, he came up short of first place.

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Laundry facility closure

The Fort Lewis Support activity has indicated that laundry requirements for organization laundry will be met through Travis Air Force Base laundry contract with an Interservice Support Agreement. Beginning June 25, all laundry "Individual Piece Rate" (IPR) customers need to make their own arrangements.

In order to effect an orderly laundry facility closure, the following timetable has been established:

June 27: Last day for turn-in of laundry or dry cleaning.

June 30: Laundry Facility ceases operations.

July 1 through 8: Last week for customers to pick up their laundry or dry cleaning.

Pump Island tank cleaning

Gasoline tanks at the Presidio Gas Station will be closed for cleaning and testing on the following schedule:

7 a.m. - 6 p.m. today: Mid-grade tank will be closed, all others will be open.

7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday: All tanks will be closed.

Ed Center news

MOS Library services at the Presidio Education Center will be limited from June 30 - July 8. Customers are advised to call **561-4445** to schedule service. Testing services will be suspended from June 27 - July 1.

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Tonight - In The Name of The Father (R)
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Sunday - Serial Mom (R)
June 24 - With Honors (PG-13)
June 25 - No Escape (R)
June 26 - 3 Ninjas Kick Back (PG)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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Leave donation request

Sam Gong, an employee with the Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison, is experiencing a medical emergency. Gong, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all of his sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact Kassel Kendricks, Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, at **561-3780**.

The last luncheon

The Presidio Consolidated Dining Facility will hold its last luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 30. The menu includes: Barbecued spareribs, barbecued chicken, baked Boston beans, sishkebabs, potato salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, fresh baked rolls, chilled watermelon, fresh fruit salad, chocolate chip cookies, soft-served ice cream and assorted beverages. The Sixth U.S. Army Band will perform during the meal. The cost for soldiers E-1 through E-4 and their spouses will be $1.85, enlisted E-5 through E-9, officers and their spouses and civilian employees, $1.85 and a $5 surcharge, children under 12, $.95 with no surcharge. For more information about the luncheon, call the Headquarters Command Battalion, S-4 at **561-6117** or **561-6203.**

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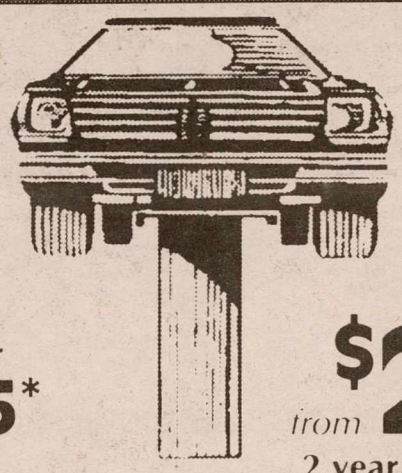

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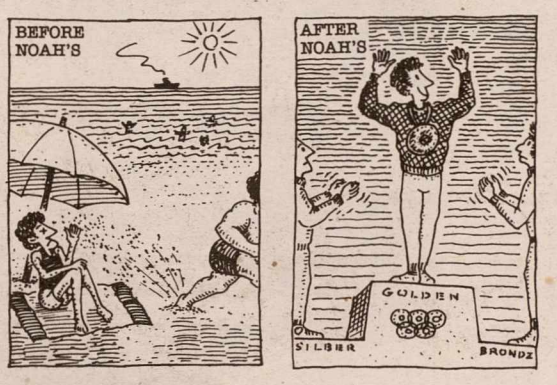

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Letter response

Mr. Thomas Cho,

I appreciate the issues you raise in your letter. Although I don't live on the Presidio, I do care about the safety of everyone who does. I also care about the quality of your neighborhoods. If I lived in your neighborhood, I would share your frustration.

Here's what's happening at the Presidio and when it will be completed. We're essentially replacing the base-wide water system. That includes running new water lines down the middle of buildings. To do that requires digging trenches and holes to place approximately 20,000 linear feet of piping, 450 valves, 70 backflow preventors, 690 water meters and reconnecting several fire hydrants. The sequence of work is such that it will take several weeks to complete all phases and restore the areas. Repairing the entire water system is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. However, it may be completed this fall. When the work is finally completed, all yards, streets and other areas will be fully restored.

Unfortunately, this type of work is disruptive to the neighborhood. Digging holes in the ground in a residential area also causes some safety hazards. Ever since work started on the repair we've been directing our contractor to take measures to make sure all necessary safety precautions are followed. Our construction contractor has been filling in the trenches dug to reduce the amount of time there is a hazard from the open trenches. There have been some safety problems. There are no excuses for the safety violations you addressed. Open excavations, pipes protruding from the ground without protection, traffic control signs not being immediately replaced, are inexcusable. We will continue to work closely with the contractor to insure that safety hazards are removed as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, you and your neighbors will be inconvenienced not only when the new pipe is placed under your streets, but when we connect the new water lines to your homes.

I apologize for the misunderstanding in our letter stating that work in your neighborhood would be completed May 13. That referred only to laying the pipe down the middle of your street. We are committed to keeping you and the other residents informed of significant construction actions in your neighborhoods. We have used notices published in the *Star Presidian* to alert residents of the overall work schedules. We encourage you to check the newspaper each week for new information. We have also delivered notices to all residents to announce when significant work is scheduled in their neighborhoods. We will continue to use these two methods to keep residents informed and provide a more detailed description of the work planned for each neighborhood.

Again, Mr. Cho, I want to assure you that it is our intention to accomplish the work in a safe manner with the least possible amount of disruption to the residents. If you have a question or concern about the work, please don't hesitate to call Cindy Agness at the Presidio's Directorate of Public Works at **561-3711.** I can be reached at **(510) 466-3043.**

Sincerely,
Doug Delancy
Project Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Sacramento District
Bay Project Office

DPW column

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

The R.S. Paris Company has been contracted to repair and upgrade the heating system in various quarters on the Presidio. They have just completed work in the 800 area and are currently in the 700 housing area. Notices have been posted to the residents regarding the scope of work and the contractor's schedule. If you have any questions, contact Gary Harbison, DPW Inspections Branch, at **561-6000**.

Avlonitis Painting is currently in the 800 housing area cleaning and painting the quarters. Notices have been issued to residents explaining how they can best assist the contractor in allowing this work to be completed. For questions regarding the painting contract, contact Walter Huber, Contract Inspector, at **561-3138**.

Here is the updated schedule for Bay Pacific Pipeline (water distribution contractor):

Week beginning June 20: General clean-up of all areas, post-wide. Meters will be installed around Portola Street and Liggett Loop if they have been received from the factory. The new water main near the Parade Ground will be tested. Preparatory work for installation of a water main near East Crissy Field will begin, with some traffic restrictions.

Week beginning June 27: Continued water main installation near East Crissy Field, with some traffic restrictions. Meter installation in the Wherry (Pershing) housing area.

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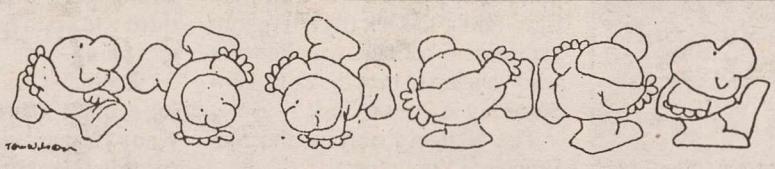

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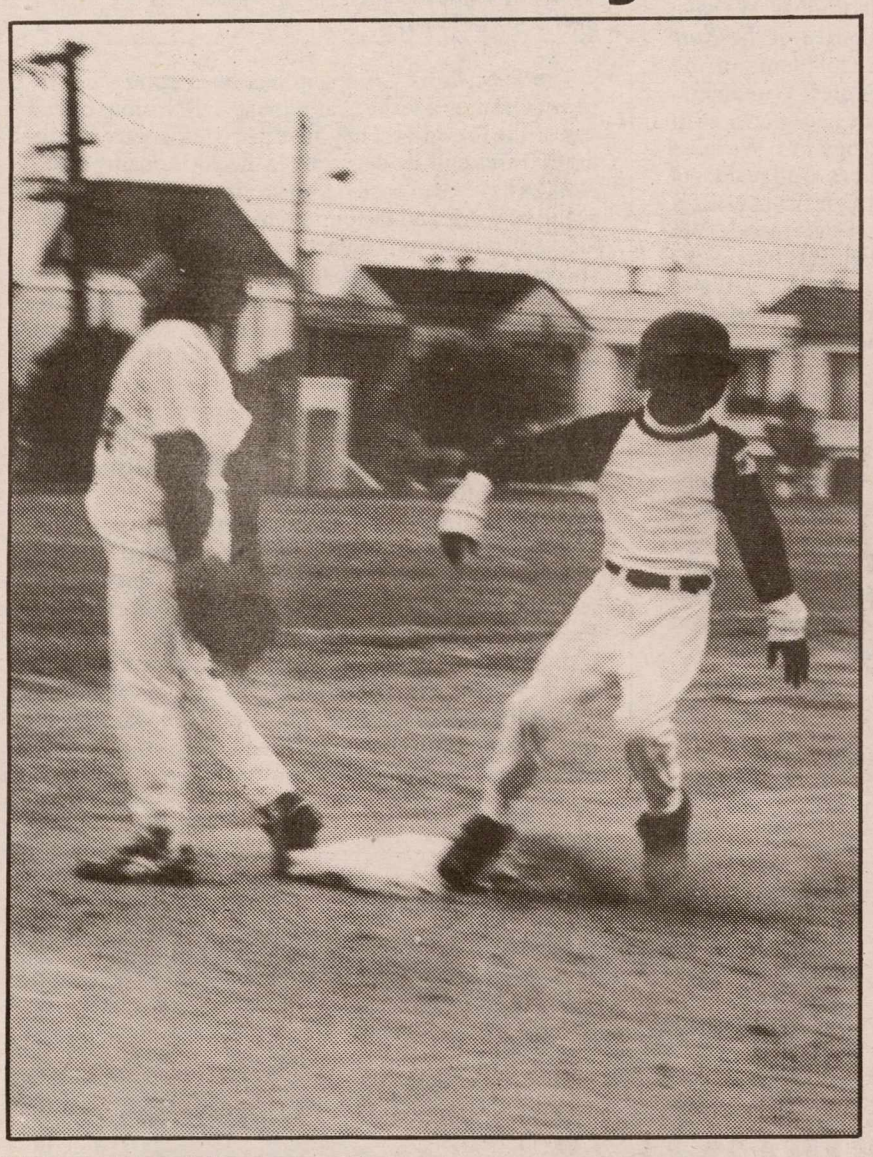
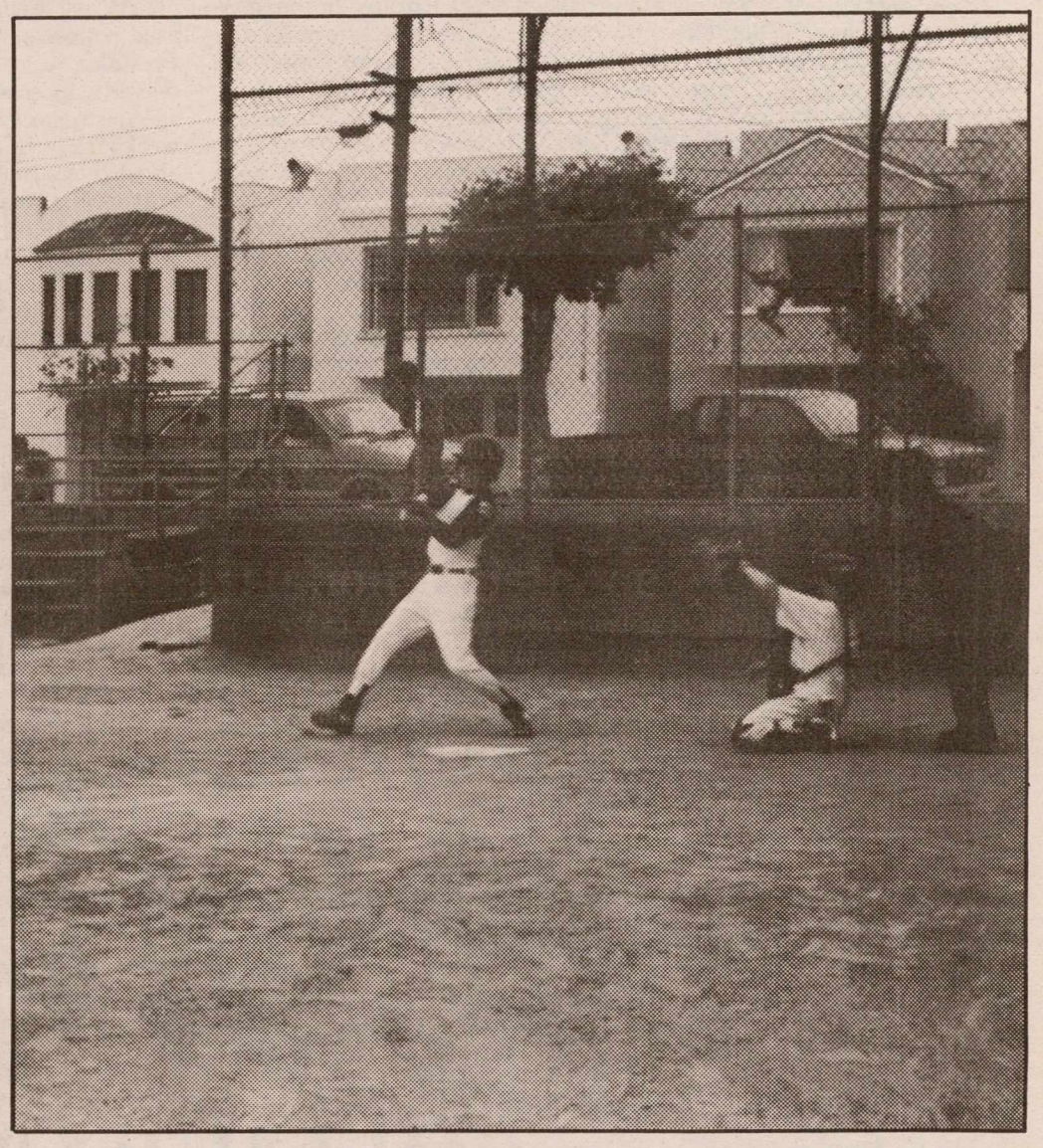
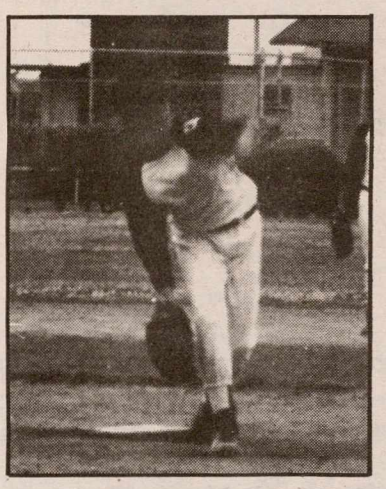
Bleacher Brief

Presidio's youths smash Sox 17-4







Pitcher Steve Brutscher hurls his tenth strikeout of the game Saturday for a 17-4 victory

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Outfielder Johnny Adkins cranked out a grand slam in the first inning to kick off a five-run explosion for the Presidio Rangers who went on to beat the Sox, 17-4 Saturday at Sunset Park.

The Rangers play in the San Francisco Youth League.

Marva Morrow singled and pitcher Steve Brutscher drew a walk. Jimmy Jackson reached base safely on an error by the opposing pitcher. All three scored on Adkins home run. Next, Jonathan Estrada was hit by a pitch. He scored after the Sox's catcher committed an error, and the Rangers took a 5-1 lead.

The Sox scored their first point in the top of the first inning. Three Sox batters drew walks, but Brutscher struck out the second, third and sixth batters he faced in the inning.

"Brutscher has really been pitching strongly for us," his coach Maj. Andy Gasparovic said. Brutscher recorded 10 strikeouts in the game.

Brutscher walked one batter in the second inning and struck out the other three.

In the next inning he walked the lead-off batter who later scored, but also struck out two and forced another batter to hit the ball back to him for the final putout.

In the fourth inning Brutscher struck out the first batter, walked two more batters who scored on a sacrifice fly for two runs, then struck out the next batter to end the inning.

Meanwhile, the Presidio Rangers seemed to be able to score at will.

In the second inning Grant Davis and Ariel Bryce-Miller lead off with walks and Robby Lewis singled. All three later scored, as did Morrow who also drew a base on balls.

The Rangers were leading 9-1 going into the bottom half of the third inning, where they suffered only one put-out. Under league rules a team is only allowed to score a maximum of eight runs in any one inning before they must allow the other team to bat. The first seven batters either hit singles or drew walks and all of them scored, as did Brutscher, who was drew a base on balls after the first out.

The Rangers took a commanding 17-2 lead when Brutscher crossed the plate on Adkins' single.

Morrow pitched in relief in the top of the fourth and final inning. He struck out the first two batters and forced the third one to hit a ground ball to shortstop Ryan Gasparovic who threw the runner out at first.

This victory gives the Rangers a good chance of being in the playoffs Saturday.

Bowling

Leaders change in league standings

Reno Fun Summer League

Lee Hopkins of the Seven/Eleven team was the definitive star of the week after totalling 256 high game scratch, 273 high game handicap, 646 high series scratch and 697 high series handicap scores for the week. He is now the league leader in all four categories for the season.

However, it wasn't enough for Seven/Eleven to maintain its hold on first place. The team was bumped by The 4 Rollers, who have now compiled a 13-3 record.

The other star of the week was the Strokers' Barbara Bagley, who recorded a 206 scratch game and a 569 series score. The Strokers are in last place which seems odd considering they have the talents of Bagley and Don Banks, who has placed second in every league category for the men.

Banks has bowled a 225 scratch game, a 243 handicap game and totalled 616 in scratch series and 670 in handicap series.

The league's 200 bowlers included: Hopkins, 256; Banks, 225 and 212; Morena Villanueva, Active & Retirees, 224; Rod Hangka, Four Tops, 209; Georgette Robinson, Family Affair, 208; and Bagley, 206.

Standings after 16 games

Team, won-loss, total pins
1. The 4 Rollers 13-3, 9,061;
2. Seven/Eleven 11-5, 8,955;
3. Active & Retirees 9-7, 6,818;
4. Family Affair 9-7, 8,456;
5. Pai Gow Pokers 7-9, 8,485;
6. Four Tops 6-10, 8,551;
7. Strokers 5-11, 8,489.

Intramural Summer Bowling League

Richard Griego has broken into the ranks of the league's stars. Griego, of Command Group, bowled 214 and 205 and rolled a 580 series. The other star of the week was RTD's Joyce Peterson who bowled a 149 game and 396 series.

Rod Cabugos of Operational Readiness and Evaluation was the league's only other recorded 200 bowler. He rolled a 213 game.

Standings after 16 games

Team, won-loss, total pins
1. RG-PSF 15-1, 6,798;
2. Cmd Grp 10-6, 6,747;
3. RTD 10-6, 6,577;
4. CRD Sports 9.5-6.5, 6,676;
5. ORE 7.5-8.5, 6,485;
6. ORE #I 7-9, 6,542;
7. ORE #II 3-13, 6,239.

Hui O Hawaii Summer League

The Stakers' Don Banks helped his team stay at the top of the heap by bowling games of 231 and 205 and totaling 600 points in a series. Teammate Robert Jackson rolled 223 and teammate Barbara Bagley tossed 217 and 216. The Stakers are 11-5.

The other Star of the Week was Linda Laws of the Four Tops who bowled a 132 scratch game and a 609 series.

Meanwhile, Up Your Alley is also 11-5 and is helped by John Peterson, who tallied a 202 score.

The week's other 200 bowlers included: Rich Camacho, Lil' Kolohe II, 225; Warren Hong, Hi Rollers, 221; Mel Washington, Four Tops, 217; Laws, 213 and 212; and Val Camacho, Lil' Kolohe II, 210.

Standings after 16 games

Team, won-loss, total pins
1. Up Your Alley 11-5, 9,054;
2. Stakers 11-5 9,133;
3. Hi Rollers 10-6, 9,022;
4. Lil' Kilohe II 9-7, 8,816;
5. Four Tops 8-8, 8,795;
6. Islanders 5-7, 6,379 (12 games);
7. Whom Knows 4-8, 8,573 (12);
8. Navy Wenches 2-14, 8,199.

Yacht Club plans July 4th celebration

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The food will be served from noon until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m., steaks and other goodies will be available for those who wish to hang around for the fireworks at the San Francisco waterfront (display begins at 9 p.m.) A bit of warning: the fireworks may not be visible because of our famous fog and if the viewing is great it may take 30 minutes or more to get to the freeway because of traffic.

You need not be a member of the Presidio Yacht Club to attend. This celebration is open to all military personnel and their families and guests.

If you plan to attend, please call the Presidio Yacht Club at 332-2319 so that we have some idea of how much food to prepare.

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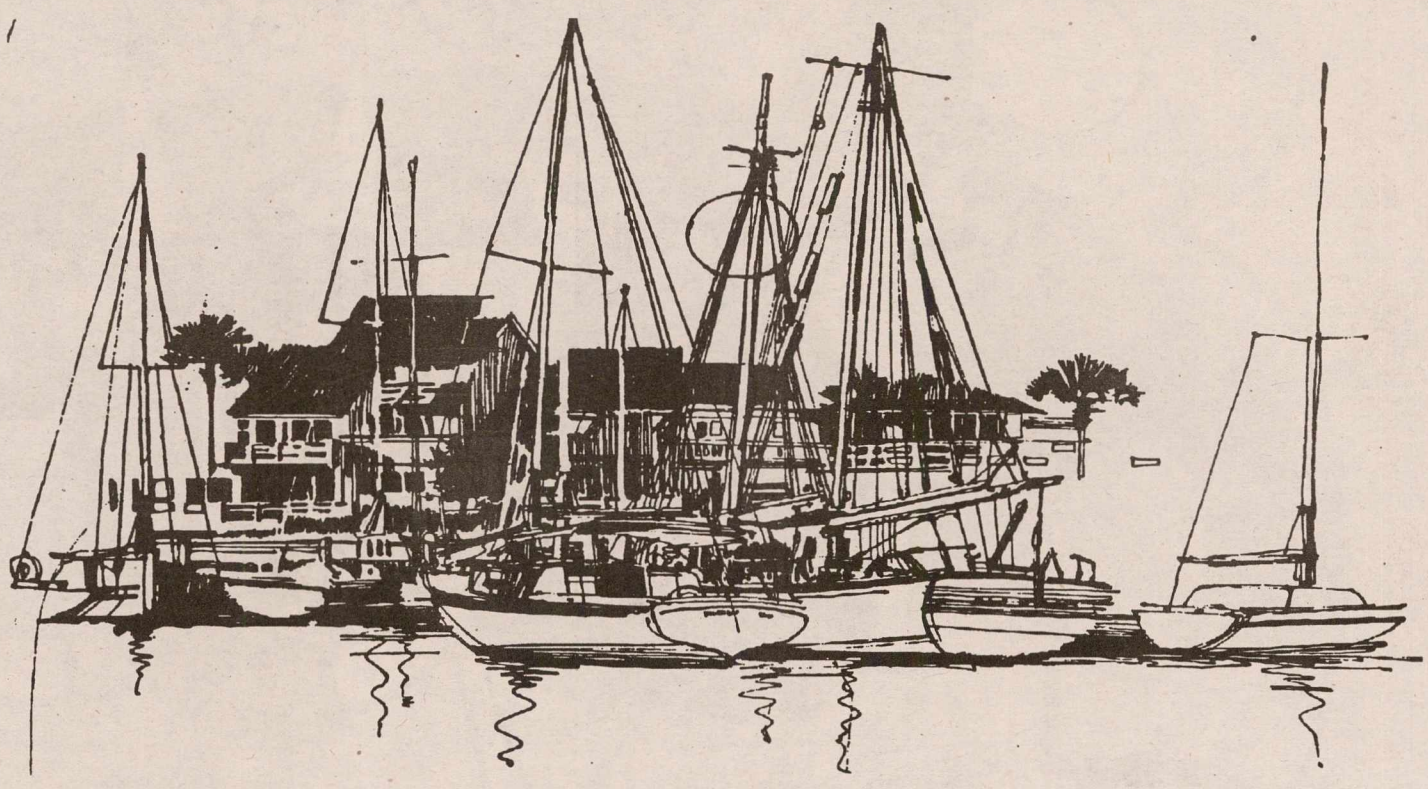

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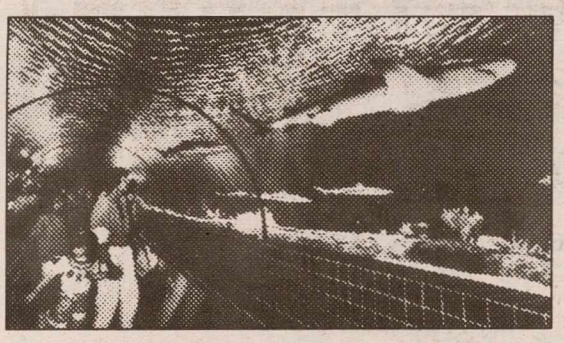

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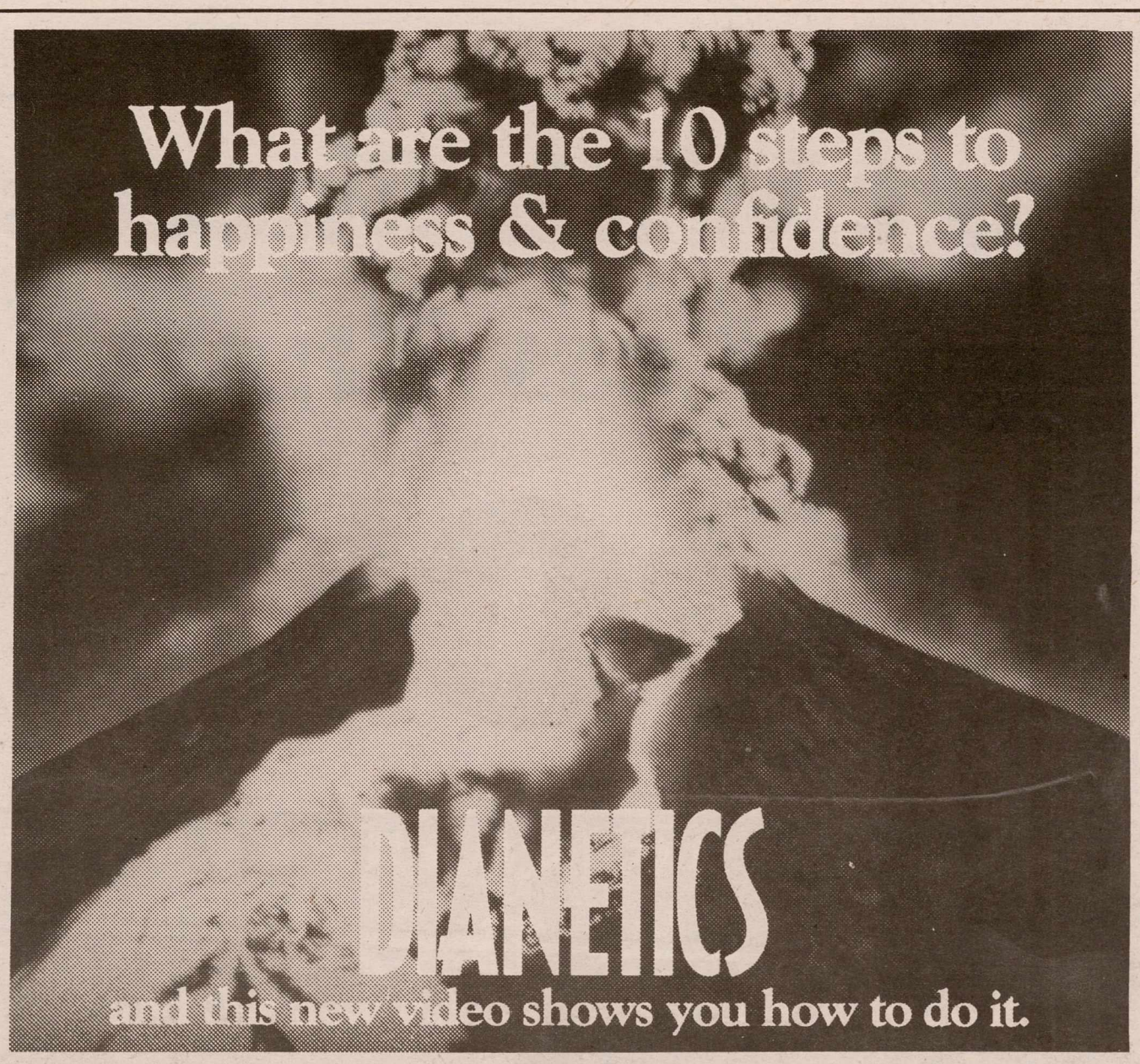

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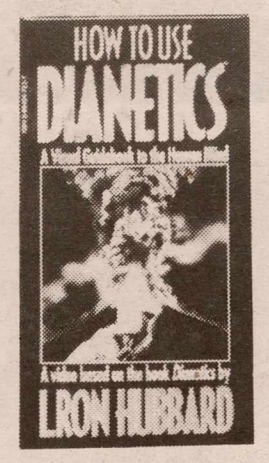

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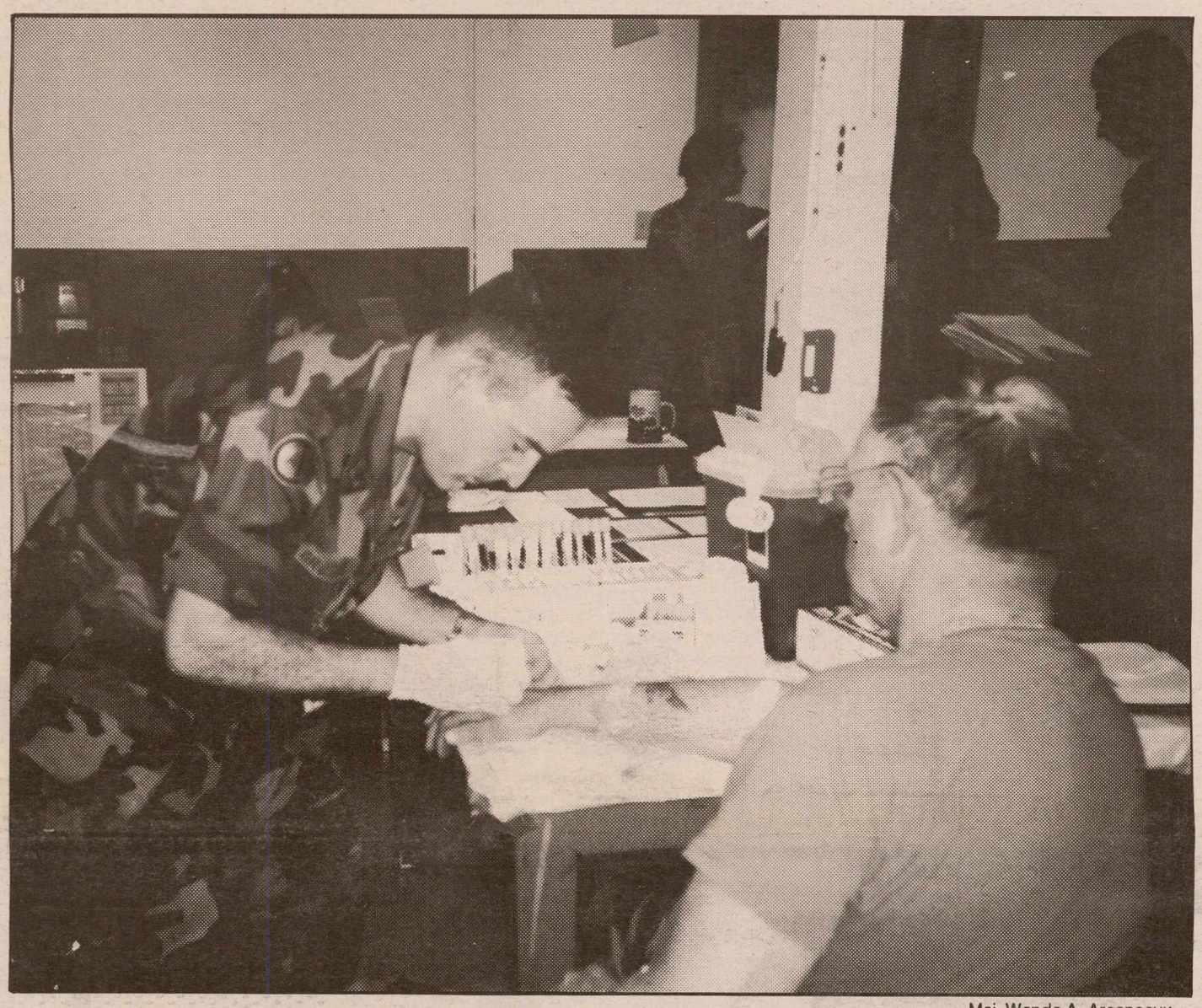

Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux

An Army Reserve medic takes a blood sample from another reservist at the HIV Screening station located at the Soldier Readiness Processing Center, Fort Lewis, during the Call Forward 94 mobilization exercise.

Call Forward in full motion

By Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux
Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office

Military convoys chugged through the front gates of Fort Lewis the first weekends of June, no doubt reminding some of another mobilization that took place less than four years ago. That was Operation Desert Shield, and it was a real mobilization; this time it was named Call Forward 94, and it was an exercise designed to test the post's ability to process mobilized Army National Guard and Army Reserve units prior to deployment.

About 18 Presidians have been serving as evaluators and controllers for the exercise, which has been in progress at Fort Lewis and its sub-installation Yakima Training Center during May and June. Both installations are designated as mobilization locations for reserve-component call-ups.

Call Forward is part of a continuing series of mobilization preparedness tests of the Selected Reserve, and it should help identify problems that might impede the rapid deployment of called-up units.

By the end of the exercise, about 3,200 citizen soldiers will have reported and been processed just as if they had actually been mobilized--just as they were during Operation Desert Shield.

Call Forward incorporates lessons learned from the mobilization during Desert Shield and other actual deployments. As problems in procedures or regulations are discovered, they are being identified and corrected.

"The exercise is beneficial at every level," said Lt. Col. Richard Hoffman, who is Chief, Plans and Exercise Division of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Sixth Army. "It allowed everyone who participated to exercise their mobilization plans and procedures," he continued. He cited as examples the actual experience of the Fort Lewis installation in moving reserve-component units, both their personnel and equipment, to the mobilization station and conducting unit and individual mobilization and Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) processing tasks. On another level, he pointed out that the Readiness Group, Fort Lewis, was "able to execute their Mobilization Assistance Team (MAT) mission in support of the Fort Lewis installation." He added, "The Sixth Army staff got to explore and validate mobilization planning for Fort Lewis and exercise its command and control relationship with the mobilization station." Lastly, he said, "Forces Command got a firsthand look at the players at all levels as they practiced conducting a mobilization," he stated.

As each participating unit rolled onto Fort Lewis, signs directed them to the Mobilization Unit Inprocessing Center (MUIC) to report for an orientation briefing. They proceeded next to the Soldier Readiness Processing center, where soldiers from an Army Reserve personnel services unit gave them an orientation on the stations they would go through during the POM. Stations included a will interview, personnel records check, medical records check (including immunizations as needed), dental records check and examination, identification card and tag check, finance records check, legal check and a final quality check to ensure each station had been visited for proper processing.

"Participating units were extremely pleased with the training benefits derived as well as the administrative value of improving soldiers' records for any future contingencies," according to Lt. Col. John DeLong, who is chief of the Mobilization Plans and Readiness Branch of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Sixth Army. During Call Forward, he has been the assistant team chief for the Exercise Evaluation and Control Group at Fort Lewis.

During the two weekends when the bulk of the units reported, the SRP center was abuzz with activity, and it looked very much like what had occurred for Operation Desert Shield. There was even an excitement in the air as soldiers received dental exams and shots, because those were the real thing--even if Call Forward was just an exercise! Most of the units had plans to remain at Fort Lewis or Yakima Training Center to complete their two-week annual training, after spending the first few days involved in the exercise. This time they can rest knowing that the convoys will be departing Fort Lewis to journey not to some unknown situation of wartime but to the safety of home station!

Commentary

'Piercing the darkness'

By Lt. Col. Paul J. Constantino
Special to the *Star Presidian*

The evidence appears clear and convincing that North Korea has a clandestine nuclear weapons program. North Korea (officially known as Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK) has refused to allow any meaningful nuclear facilities inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The United Nations Security Council may vote on the imposition of international economic trade sanctions against North Korea.

As an aside, the United States, which has a mutual defense treaty with the Republic of Korea (ROK), is a Pacific power with historic and enduring vital political and economic interests in East Asia and the Pacific. On the tense and heavily militarized Korean Peninsula, the physical presence of 36,500 U.S. military personnel has ensured peace and deterred aggression since 1953.

In the late 1970's and again in the late 1980's, there were serious considerations to reducing the U.S. military presence, due to its cost, and more importantly, due to encouraging North-South dialogue, humanitarian contacts, trade, and the 1985 signing of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty by North Korea. There were extensive negotiations between the two Koreas which created a more settling political climate. There was talk of a nuclear-free Korean peninsula and that the North was reconsidering forceful reunification with the South. In the early 1990's it was reported that the U.S. removed its tactical nuclear weapons and downsized and later cancelled the Team Spirit Exercise, a yearly ROK/U.S. war game consisting of a tactical surge of forces across the Pacific, linking up equipment and conducting a bi-lateral military command and field training exercise (CPX/FTX).

"Peace is a risk but a risk worth taking.

Peace is a risk but a risk worth taking. Since 1991, there has been a sizeable reduction of Chinese and Russian armed forces in Northeast Asia. North Korea has almost 1.2 million personnel on active duty (the South has 633,000) and reserve forces of more than five million, making it the fourth largest military force in the world. North Korea, with a population of 22 million, is a military state committing 25 percent of its gross national product to military spending. Alarmingly, it feels it further necessary for its success or survival to direct scarce economic resources to allow it to join the nuclear club. The evidence appears overwhelming that North Korea has extracted pounds of plutonium, hasn't opened up suspected nuclear reprocessing site(s) at Yongbyon, has assembled a few nuclear devices, has successfully engineered and tested a nuclear trigger device, and is developing medium-range ballistic missiles. All of this was done clandestinely and in violation of certain international agreements.

The risk of doing nothing is enormous, as is the risk of confronting North Korea over its refusal to come clean on its transgressions, especially the diversion of plutonium to a nuclear weapons program. Given the long documented history of subversion, support of terrorism and of North Korea's national goal of reunification -- even by force -- to do nothing may prove to be equally dangerous and unsettling.

North Korea must surely have realized that it would confront the prospect of economic sanctions by the United Nations Security Council. This seemingly did not deter this nuclear power "wannabe" which may be oblivious to outside pressures. As much of the world has changed, even the Russian people have said "nyet" to communism. North Korea remains a dogmatic state led by a Stalinist-style charismatic leader, Kim Il Sung, who analysts suggest has a singular ambition to reunify the Korean peninsula on his terms. To read the reports by Hans Blix, the secretary general of the IAEA in Vienna, Austria, about the North Korean extraction of measurable quantities of plutonium from spent nuclear reactor fuel rods and the subsequent shell game with the plutonium, is to read a tale on unabashed obfuscation, innuendo and deceit. The results of the inspections have unmasked the lies. Western intelligence and monitoring agencies' suspicions have been confirmed. The nuclear "wannabe" has admitted itself to the nuclear club.

"North Korea must surely have realized that it would confront the prospect of economic sanctions by the U.N. Security Council."

Now the North, having been unexpectedly caught cheating, is spouting war rhetoric against the U.S. North Korea's troubles aren't the result of actions by the United States but from its blatant disregard of its treaty commitments. It is North Korea that is out of step with the rest of Asia. The Pacific community wishes to live in peace and has committed to more open societies. Former communist states are experimenting with economic and, hopefully, democratic liberalization. Over the years, offers of friendship have repeatedly been made to North Korea but have not been taken up. North Korea has not demonstrated a willingness to be included in the membership of the emerging Asian community. The average North Korean is described as being unaware of conditions abroad. In contrast to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia, North Koreans are economically, politically, and socially backward. In stark contract to its neighbors, North Korea is really a poor country with chronic shortages.

There is, however, a cultural legacy behind Kim's seclusion. Korea has larger, historically menacing neighbors. A militarized and divided Korea is a product of the Cold War. The division of Korea was not the choice of the Korean people. The division is artificial and an affront to its national aspirations. Moreover, the 1950-53 war to reunify the country devastated both the North and South and left several million dead. By amassing obscene numbers of conventional forces in hardened encampments north of the Military Demarcation LIne (MDL) and now engaging in a clandestine nuclear program, Kim Il Sung's inescapable message is that if he doesn't achieve unification by threats, then he will achieve unification by the use of force. It is Kim's ambition or obsession to achieve reunification by cajolery or force that requires the U.S. military presence on the Korean peninsula.

The U.N. Security Council is poised to entertain economic sanctions. If sanctions aren't imposed, the possibility exists that other Asian countries would go nuclear, resulting in a costly and dangerous arms race which may temper the economic prosperity and dampen emerging Asian political reforms. If the sanctions fail, peace too may be at risk. From an international perspective, if North Korea is allowed to cheat with impunity, what does that say for the future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty? And what implied message is being sent to such other nuclear "wannabes" as Iraq, Iran, or Syria? If North Korea isn't reined in economically, what will stop it from exporting the newly achieved nuclear technology or selling ballistic missiles or even nuclear devices? To those Americans with loved ones serving in the military on the Korean peninsula, there are 36,500 reasons why the U.S. must take purposeful actions of consequence to illuminate the minefield of darkness that pervades the North's politics.

Some voices suggest that the only way to pierce the North Korean mind-set is to make a pre-emptive strike. Such overt action will only result in full scale war, conventional or worse, and in the complete destruction of Seoul, within artillery range of the DMZ. As was demonstrated in the Gulf War, due to American technological superiority and logistic largesse, the North could win a battle but would ultimately lose the war. The North Korean military must realize that it cannot reach technological parity with the U.S.-ROK forces. Military analysts suggest the North will focus on surprise, speed, mobility and overwhelming numbers of troops buttressed by a 70,000—man Special Operation Forces (SOF), and maybe its not so "secret" weapon.

Economists will caution that economic sanctions rarely induce the desired result and further note that North Korea has an insular economy. Stated differently, Kim Il Sung has little stake in the outside world, as North Korea is economically and politically isolated. When desperate things happen, desperate nations -- like desperate people -- may do desperate acts.

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There must be a unified world response to the indisputable facts that the North hasn't come clean with the amount of plutonium it has produced, hasn't opened up suspected nuclear sites for inspection and, when a site was opened, that the inspectors weren't allowed to conduct any meaningful scientific analysis of spent nuclear reactor fuel rods to determine the amount of manufactured plutonium. Given the possible consequences of inaction -- a new East Asian arms race threatening Asia's fragile security and putting the region's peoples and economic prosperity at risk -- sanctions must be undertaken.

The North Koreans have not been made to realize that there is a price to pay for their clandestine nuclear weapons program. The North must realize that its insular economy is still dependent on outside oil, foodstuffs, and hard currency. More importantly, the world must definitively state that the admirable goal of the reunification of the Korean peninsula can only be achieved by dialogue, trust, negotiation, and mutual assent. So far, Kim Il Sung has failed to understand this. Until North Korea perceives this, the message from its Asian neighbors and the rest of the world clearly ought to be:

"The North Koreans have not been made to realize that there is a price to pay for their nuclear weapons program."

-- If you wish to trade and become a partner in Asian economic prosperity, negotiate and cooperate.

-- If you wish foodstuffs and a diet more substantial than soup or porridge, negotiate and cooperate.

-- If you want financial aid, loans and credit, negotiate and cooperate.

If North Korea wants to be respected by the world community and treated as a reliable and responsible country, then it must earn that respect.

In conclusion, North Korea's quarrel is not with the U.S. Sixth Fleet or the annual Team Spirit military exercise but with those nations that want a more peaceful world with economic, political freedoms and human rights. North Korea, under the rule of Kim Il Sung, has successfully resisted social, economic and political change. More worrisome, it wants unification on its terms. Until North Korea wants peace, to be economically integrated with its neighbors and to embrace more democratic institutions the world community has no choice but to impose economic sanctions. North Korea remains a threat to regional peace and stability.

In the meantime, the U.S. military -- as the major component of the regional security of East Asia and the Pacific -- must remain patiently vigilant. If there is one thing we should realize it is that the armistice in 1953 marked the end of conventional combat. It did not signify the end to hostilities.

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Spc. Adrienne Story

Lee Davis, ACS volunteer, and Vickie Crider, Family Program director, look over a welcome packet put together for arriving soldiers and their families.

Relocation service assists Presidians

By Spc. Adrienne Story
Star Presidian staff

Whether you're leaving the Presidio, just arriving or entertaining guests, the Army Community Services Relocation Service Program can help you.

"The program is designed to assist new arrivals and people being relocated," said Vickie Crider, Family Program director. "We start with the sponsorship program. We can send a packet directly to the soldiers, or their sponsors can pick one up and send it to them.

"We find out the who, what, where and when for people just arriving at the Presidio or those going to a new duty station," she added. "We can help them with housing information and let them know what schools are in the area."

With the transition of the Presidio, the relocation services will remain active here.

"Our mission will probably increase with the downsizing," Crider said. "Although there may be fewer people using services, we will need to provide more in-depth information. For example, with the auto craft shop closing, someone may have questions about repair shops in the area and AAFES may be booked. We may not know a good repair service, but we will get out the phone book and help them find one."

Crider said the program is important and benefits Presidians in many ways.

"It really benefits the families. They arrive at their new duty station knowing something about the community," she added. "It helps alleviate some stress of moving.

"We will assist in any question. No question is too small or too large," Crider said. "Everyone here will help in any way they can. We will do the best we can to answer questions on the spot, but otherwise we will put them in contact with the person they need to talk to."

When soldiers are leaving the Presidio, Crider can also provide information about the new community and their new duty assignment. She maintains several files and packets on Army installations throughout the world.

She is very helpful and provided me with endless information about my new duty station. Crider explained military housing and the day care center and showed me pictures of the military post and the surrounding community. I learned quite a bit about the place in the few minutes I was in the Relocation Services Office.

Another way the Relocation Services can assist soldiers is through unit briefings. Recently they held a "smooth move" briefing with the Law Enforcement Company.

Since most of the soldiers in the unit have orders for Korea, Crider's office was able to provide pertinent information to the whole unit at one time.

"We brought in the experts to explain the clearing process. Master Sgt. Amelia Tsukuda, from the housing office, addressed questions concerning clearing quarters. Transportation and POV shipment concerns were also addressed during the briefing," Crider said.

Crider is willing to set up more unit briefings such as the one held for LEC, but will also conduct one-on-one sessions.

"This is also a fun place to visit when you have house guests," Crider said. "We have brochures with information about attractions in San Francisco and coupons for items at Pier 39."

She prefers Presidians call to make an appointment. Crider can be reached at **561-5256** or **561-6090.**

"We will assist in any way we can. If we don't immediately know the answer to a question, we will find out or give them the phone numbers they need to find out," Crider concluded. "I think it's a great program. We provide people with information or referrals to make their PCS moves easier and a little less stressful""

Transition information

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here is some important information about your benefits upon separation, thanks to the Civilian Personnel Office. Generally speaking your benefits depend on the nature of your separation, whether it was voluntary or involuntary. This subject will be addressed by a representative of the Employment Development Division at a group orientation to be set for a future date.

Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB). All employees who separate from government service and lose their health insurance coverage are eligible for temporary continuation of coverage of their Federal health insurance for a period of 18 months. Under the National Defense Authorization Act, employees who are separated involuntarily due to reduction in force and will lose their FEHB are eligible to elect temporary continuation of coverage (TCC) of their FEHB for 18 months.

The cost to you will be the same premium you would pay if you were still employed. The Department of the Army will continue to pay its share of the cost of your plan plus a two percent administration fee that is associated with TCC. Employees who voluntarily separate (employees who accept VSIP, for example) are also eligible for the TCC coverage but must pay the full cost of the coverage. This includes the employee's and agency's portions of the premium plus the two percent administrative cost, for a total of 102 percent of the cost.

If you are hired on a temporary appointment through the Priority Placement Program within three days of your separation, you would continue your regular health coverage since you did not have a break in service. Then, at the expiration of your temporary appointment, you would be eligible for the TCC based on your involuntary separation from the Presidio. Employees who elect TCC on separation from the Presidio and are separated longer than three days and then accept a temporary appointment through PPP would continue their TCC coverage.

How do you elect this coverage? You must complete an SF-2809, Health Benefits Registration Form, just like you did when you initially elected health benefits coverage. Generally, you have 60 days from the date of your separation to elect TCC coverage. However, if you know that you will want this coverage when the Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) does your outprocessing, you should complete the SF-2809 at that time. It will probably be more time consuming to do this after closure, since there will not be a personnel office on the Presidio.

Your enrollment and premiums will begin on the 32nd day after your regular coverage ends. This is because you would normally have a 31-day "grace period" of coverage after your health coverage is terminated in which to find coverage on your own. For example: If you are separated Sept. 30, your coverage would be terminated at the end of that pay period, which is Oct. 1. You would then have 31 days of continued coverage and your TCC coverage would begin Nov. 2. Your coverage will be retroactive to the 32nd day after your normal coverage ends, and, consequently, you will be responsible for that cost even if you do not elect the coverage until late in the 60-day enrollment period.

You will be billed monthly by the National Finance Center. Non-payment will be considered a voluntary cancellation on your part and will result in termination of your coverage.

Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI). Separated employees may purchase an individual life insurance policy in an amount less than or equal to the employee's basic insurance plus any optional coverage they may have. Option C, Family Coverage, may also be converted to an individual policy by the covered family members if the employee does not convert it.

Like with health insurance, employees have a 31-day "grace period" after separation in which to convert to a private policy through the FEGLI office. One of the benefits of this conversion privilege is that you are not required to complete a medical examination. Your individual policy will be issued by an insurance company you select from a list of companies that you will receive from the FEGLI office. The policy can be any type normally issued by an insurance company, except term insurance, universal life insurance or any other form of life insurance with an indeterminate premium and without disability or accidental death and dismemberment benefits. Three basic types of policies you can select are: ordinary life policy (whole life policy), limited payment life policy, and endowment policies. The Department of the Army does not contribute your premium, and you will be responsible for the full cost of the coverage for the type of coverage you select and your age and risk level. This will be more expensive than your coverage costs now as an employee. Take the time during the 31-day grace period to "shop around" and look at other plans as well.

How do you convert? You will be given an SF-2819, Notice of Conversion Privilege, and an SF-2821, Agency Certification of Insurance Status, by CPO. If you choose to convert, follow the instructions on mailing these forms, listed on the SF-2819, to the Office of Federal Employees Group Life Insurance.

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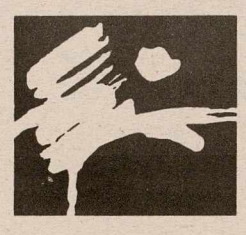

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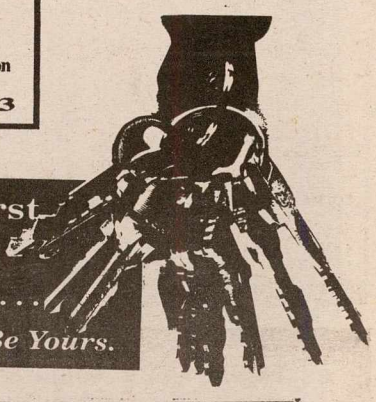

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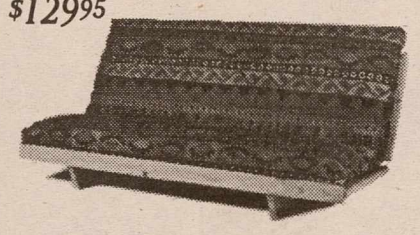

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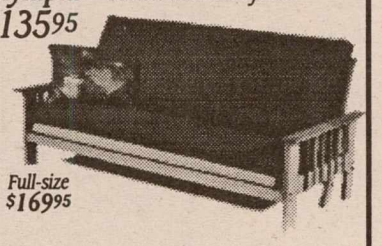

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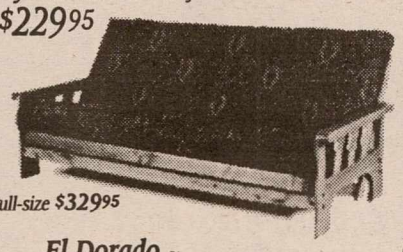

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Presidio Community Column

News briefs

State Primary dates

Here is the most recent series of state primary and special election dates. For additional information, contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

Colorado, Aug. 9; **Georgia**, July 19; **Kansas**, Aug. 2; **Michigan**, Aug. 2; **South Carolina**, Aug. 9; **Tennessee**, Aug. 4.

Multicultural event

A multicultural event with special emphasis on African and Native Americans takes place from noon until 4 p.m., July 21, at the Presidio Officers' Club. The keynote speaker at the buffet luncheon is Doris Ward, Assessor for the City and County of San Francisco. For information call Francisco DaCosta, Equal Opportunity Council member, at **556-0347**.

Letterman Clinic news

The following primary telephone numbers will be effective July 31 at the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic: Medical Treatment & Sick Call, **561-3130/3133** (FAX **561-3136**); Dr. McDowell, **561-3160**; NCOIC's Office, **561-3143/3160**; Pharmacy, **561-3172**.

Outpatient specialty appointments will be coordinated through Dr. Milton McDowell, Clinical Director for Active Duty Soldiers.

Outpatient specialty appointments for CHAMPUS Prime-eligible patients need to be coordinated through Primary Care Managers with authorization through a Health Care Finder in the Patient Service Center. Call **561-0650** (dial the complete phone number).

With an authorized referral for Dermatology, Podiatry, Orthopedics, or Physical Medicine, appointments can be made by calling **561-3110**.

Again, these new numbers are effective July 31. Use the old phone numbers until then. Other phone numbers will be the same as they were in the past. As numbers are changed, a directory will be published.

Phone numbers for the following clinics have been eliminated because of consolidation: Allergy/Immunization Clinic, Dermatology Clinic, Gastroenterology, ENT Clinic, Internal Medicine Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, Physical Exams, Physical Medicine, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Orthopedic Clinic, and Surgical Clinic. If you have any questions or concerns about the above clinics, please call **561-3130/3133**.

Ed Center news

MOS Library services at the Presidio Education Center will be limited from June 30 - July 8. Customers are advised to call **561-4445** to schedule service. Testing services will be suspended from June 27 - July 1.

TSC Closure info

The Bay Area Training Support Center moves from Building 603 here to Buildings 85 and 90 at Oakland Army Base, July 18. Because of the move, July 9 is the last day for shooting full length/portraits for processing by July 13. Any incoming work orders after July 11 will not be guaranteed for delivery until at least July 27. Beginning July 25, work orders will be accepted at Oakland Army Base on a limited basis. Due dates will be a minimum of seven working days until TASC is running at full capacity, August 1. August 3 is the first day of shooting full lengths/portraits at Oakland Army Base.

Best Ball golf tournament

The Presidio Sports Branch Best Ball Foursome golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at noon, July 28, at the Presidio Army Golf Course. The tournament is open to all active duty personnel and family members (19 years or older), DA civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco, and Army retirees on a space available basis residing within 50 miles of the Presidio of San Francisco. Entry deadline is July 27. Call the Sports Office at **561-4131/4120** for entry and fee information.

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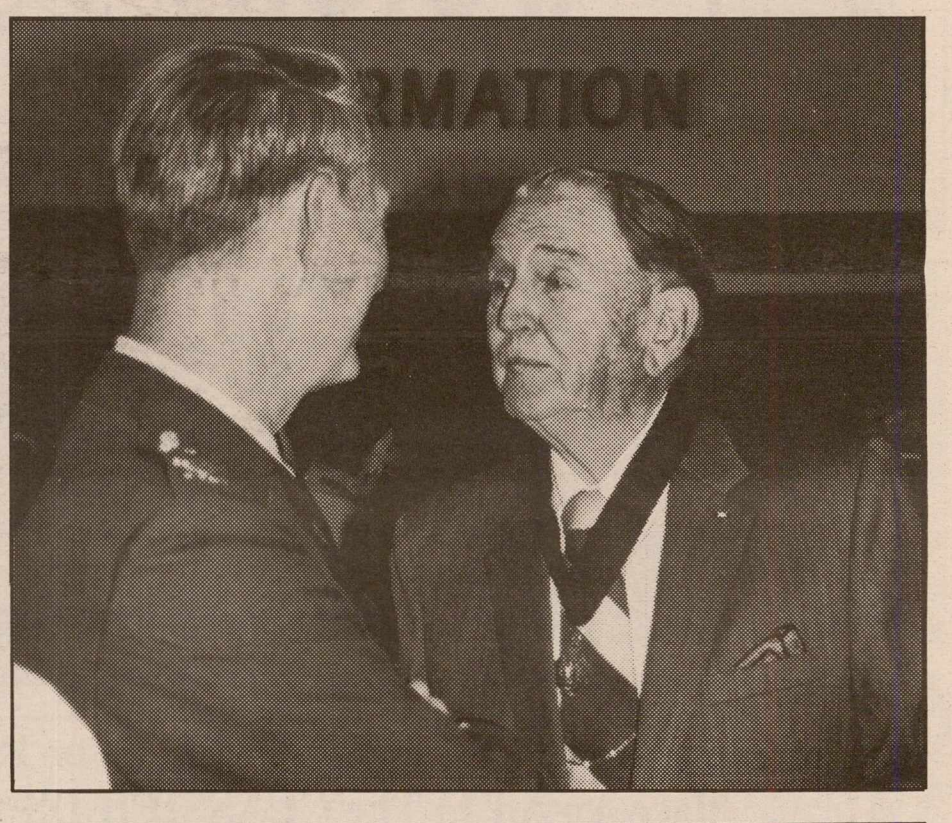
Letterman family gathers for farewells



(Top) Col. Michael Brennan and his wife, Donna, cut the cake at a post-ceremony reception held in the Letterman lobby. (Left) Capt. Benetta C. King, company commander, leads the Letterman soldiers through the retreat ceremony. (Right) Maj. Gen. (ret.) Charles Gingles, commander at Letterman during the construction of the "new" building in 1969, chats with a fellow visitor. Gingles was awarded the Order of Military Medical Merit at the recognition ceremony. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III)

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

The "Letterman family" gathered from near and far last week to recognize the outstanding service of its staff and to observe the final downsizing to a Troop Clinic.

Current and former employees came from near and far to bid a fond farewell to what was, for many, the site of their entire Federal career.

"I wouldn't have missed this for the world," said Chuck Donner, a former Letterman employee who now works for the Internal Revenue Service. "My best years with the Federal government were spent at Letterman."

Donner's sentiments were reflected in the faces of those young and old who gathered to hear the Sixth U.S. Army Band perform patriotic melodies and see the retreat ceremony performed by a joint detail (sailors from Naval Hospital Oakland and airmen from David Grant Air Force Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base assisted Letterman soldiers).

Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, commander of Madigan Army Medical Center and former commander of Letterman Army Medical Center, assisted Col. Michael Brennan (current Letterman commander) in reviewing the troops and presenting the numerous awards given to both military and civilians.

"You are the first Army medical center in history to accomplish a downsizing and closure while still providing excellent care," Burger said.

"We are calling this a recognition ceremony, not a closure ceremony," Brennan said in his remarks. "We are not truly closing."

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, Sixth U.S. Army deputy commander for active components, was the keynote speaker for the event. He saluted the staff, both military and civilian, of Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic for the outstanding service they have provided even during the downsizing.

The ceremony was narrated by Michael G. Meines, former public affairs officer for Letterman Army Medical Center. Meines' presence added another note of nostalgia to the gathering; he was the regular narrator for awards ceremonies and retreats at Letterman during his time there.

After the ceremony's end, friends old and new gathered inside Letterman's third floor lobby for coffee, cake and reminiscing about their days as part of the Letterman family.

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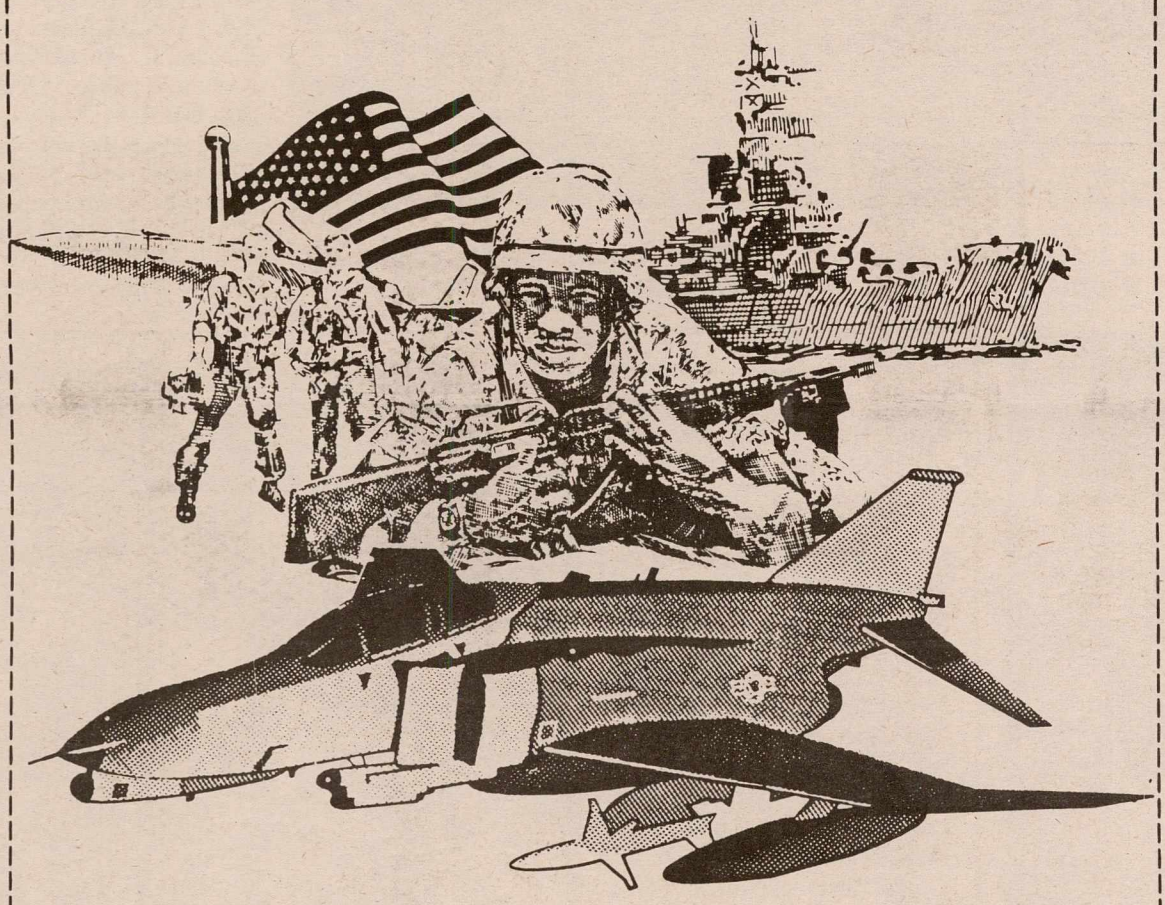

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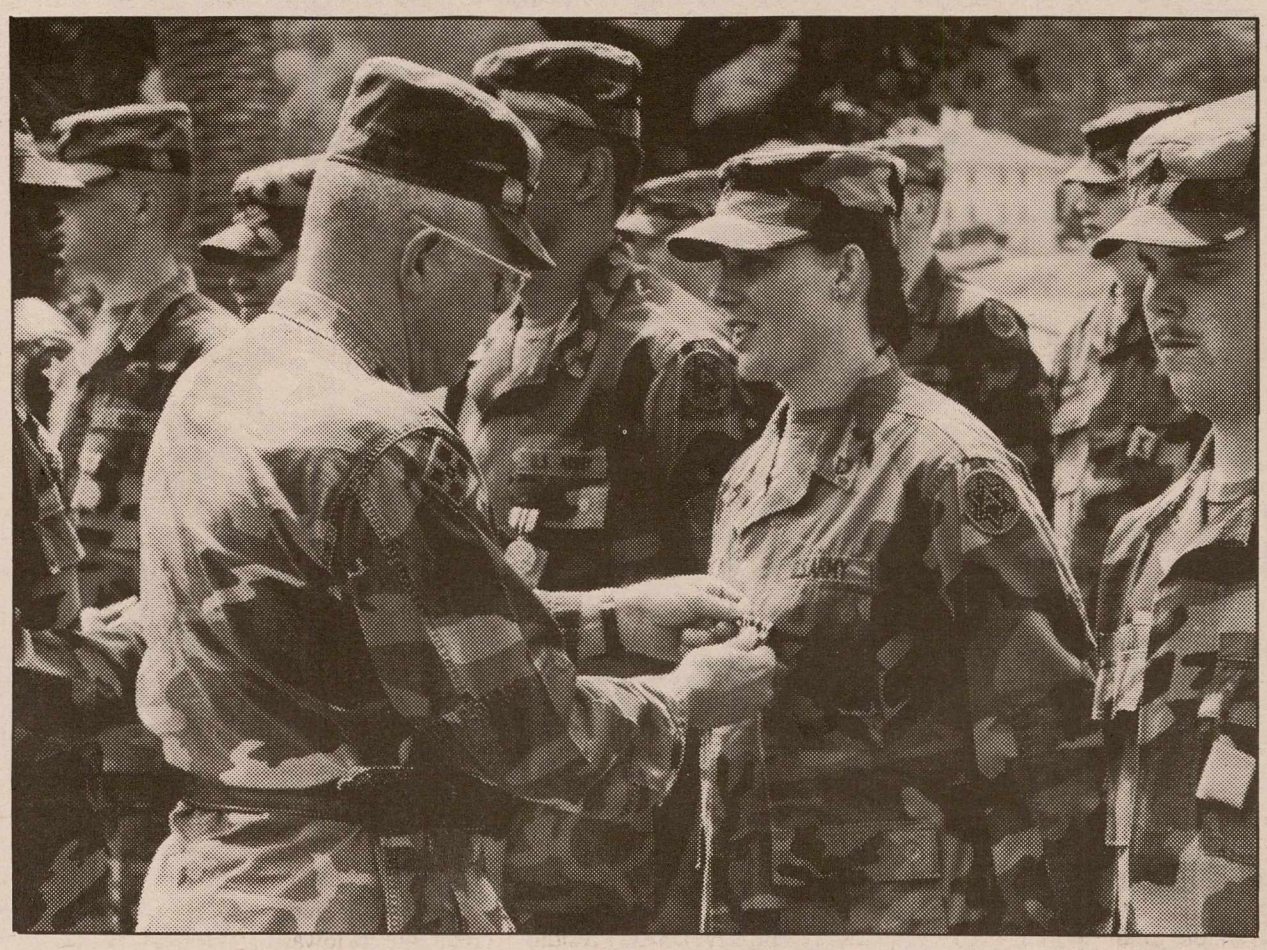

Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, presents Pfc. Sabrina A. Shannon, Road Platoon, LEC, with an Army Achievement Medal.

The following individuals (listed in alphabetical order) received awards for their response to the recent protests by homeless advocates on the Presidio: Pfc. Eric J. Aho, Jr., Army Achievement Medal; Sgt. Sergio M. Banales, AAM; Pvt. 2 Michael M. Barbieri, AAM; Pfc. George C. Bean, AAM; Spc. Martin E. Benner, AAM; Staff Sgt. Tommy E. Bibb, Army Commendation Medal; Pfc. Steven J. Bollinger, AAM; Sgt. 1st Class Anthony L. Bordigon, ARCOM; Pfc. Mehri L. Bradford, AAM; Staff Sgt. Philip E. Bray, AAM; 1st Sgt. Delores Carter, ARCOM; Sgt. 1st Class Thomas J. Collins, ARCOM; Sgt. Deborah D. Cordell, AAM; Staff Sgt. Michael G. Garrett, AAM; Pfc. Sherri L. George, AAM Spc. Kenton E. Goolsby, AAM; Pfc. Eric J. Gregson, AAM; Spc. Shannon A. Grubaugh, AAM; Sgt. Christopher J. Heinen, AAM; Sgt. 1st Class William A. Henning, ARCOM; Staff Sgt. Brooks O. Hubbard IV, ARCOM; Staff Sgt. Stephen A. Hutzell, ARCOM; Spc. Thomas W. Johnson, AAM; Spc. Cecil D. Jones, AAM; Pvt. 2 Kris A. Kerr, AAM; Pfc. Rodney S. Kocher, AAM; Maj. Kinard J. LaFate, ARCOM; Staff Sgt. Richard D. Lambert, ARCOM; Pfc. Ruth A. Laubscher, AAM; Pfc. Raymond W. LeLoup, AAM; Pfc. Alan C. Leveille, AAM; Pfc. Brandee A. Libby, AAM; Spc. Shawne D. Maile, AAM; Pfc. Jeremy D. Martin, AAM; Staff Sgt. Dexter H. McMichael, ARCOM; Staff Sgt. Joseph P. Miceli, ARCOM; Sgt. Larnel D. Norman, AAM; Sgt. 1st Class Walter L. Preston, Jr., AAM; Spc. Timothy H. Queen, AAM; Spc. Kenton A. Sallee, AAM; Pfc. Donald C. Saucier, AAM; Spc. Daniel M. Sewich, AAM; Pfc. Sabrina A. Shannon, AAM; Pfc. Reeshemah J. Simmons, AAM; Staff Sgt. James A. Sinclair, AAM; Sgt. Loren L. Small, AAM; Sgt. Douglas D. Smith, AAM; Pfc. Keith Spengler, AAM; Cpl. Charles B. Stockwell, AAM; Sgt. Ferdinand Vazquez, AAM; Pfc. Connie L. Wagner, AAM; Pfc. Magie V. Ward, AAM; Spc. John T. Williams, AAM; Pfc. Dawn M. Woodfin, AAM.

Michael M. Barbieri was promoted to private first class June 1.

Law Enforcement Company Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following soldiers for scoring 270 or above on their record Army Physical Fitness Test during the month of May. Sgt. Betsy Bibb (298), Sgt. Douglas Smith (271), Staff Sgt. Joseph Miceli (299), Sgt. 1st Class William Henning (283), Sgt. Gregory Bailey (285), Staff Sgt. Tommy Bibb (299), Sgt. 1st Class Walter Preston (275), and Staff Sgt. Steven Elliott (279). Other soldiers who scored 270 or above who are not pictured are 1st Sgt. Delores Carter (300), Spc. Scott Miller (297), Staff Sgt. Marian Anderson (278), Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Bordigan (286), Sgt. Chance Showell (272), and Pfc. Maggie Ward (271).

Photos courtesy of Law Enforcement Company

Volunteers recognized

Soldiers and family members were recognized by LEC for their volunteer service. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Iris Collins, Diana Hutzell, Maria Pichette, Sgt. Betsy Bibb, Joey Banales, Pfc. Sabrina Shannon and Sgt. Deborah Cordell for volunteer service to the Law Enforcement Company during the bake sale held on April 16. Other volunteers were Norma McMichael, Chance W. Showell, Sgt. Douglas D. Smith, Deborah Norman, Bobbie Miceli, Virginia Parker, Staff Sgt Richard D. Lambert, Sun Preston, Staff Sgt. Marian D. Anderson and Pfc. Maggie Ward. Contributions from the bake sale are used to purchase commemorative plaques for soldiers who are leaving the Presidio.

SOC helps soldiers earn college degrees

By Jeanne Redsecker
Education Division

Almost 900 colleges, operating on more than 500 military installations world wide, help soldiers complete college degrees while maintaining their Army careers.

Completing requirements for a college degree can be a difficult challenge for soldiers. The traditional ways which colleges operate present major obstacles to military personnel. To improve this situation, an organization was formed almost 20 years ago — Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges.

These schools agree to:
- non-traditional scheduling;
- streamlined admissions;
- recognize GED equivalency;
- award credit for military experience;
- accept transfer courses from accredited colleges;
- award credit for standardized tests;
- limit residency requirements to ¼ of a degree; and
- allow students to complete degree elsewhere.

For instance, a soldier may earn an Associate Degree by completing five courses at the SOC, transferring in courses taken at colleges before or during enlistment, applying credit from CLEP or other tests, and using credit for service schools and MOS skill level. Some schools, such as Regents College Degrees and Pikes Peak Community College, offer external degrees which either accept only credit from other sources, or provide independent study courses to meet degree requirements.

The SOCs operating in San Francisco include Columbia College on Presidio and Treasure Island), Golden Gate university, and San Francisco State University. The SOC program is available to all branches of service, to family members, and to DoD civilian employees. To find out whether SOC would work for you, make an appointment with a counselor at the Presidio Education Center, at **561-4445**.

Graduation

Soldiers earn degrees

By Jeanne Redsecker
Education Division, Presidio

Nineteen soldiers from the Presidio of San Francisco earned associate and bachelor level degrees from Columbia College June 5 at Naval Station Treasure Island.

Columbia College has conducted its program with the Navy at TI for the past 16 years.

Columbia College has its home campus in Columbia, Mo., and also offers classes at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Recipients of the Associate in Arts degree are:
- **Master Sgt. Anthony John Neal Sr.**, Readiness Group-Presidio of San Francisco;
- **Sgt. 1st Class Osceola Adams,** Sixth U.S. Army;
- **Sgt. 1st Class David L. Byars,** Operational Readiness and Evaluation;
- **Sgt. 1st Class Scott Gerald Damron,** Sixth Army;
- **Sgt. 1st Class John J. Penstock III,** Sixth Army;
- **Staff Sgt. Lavonne Denise Taylor,** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Presidio of San Francisco;
- **Sgt. Dorothy M. Caldwell,** Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic;
- **Sgt. Richard A. Cato,** LUSAHC;
- **Sgt. Gloria Selena Smith,** HHC;
- **Sgt. Rose M. Williams,** LUSAHC;
- **Spc. Monique Evette Barnes,** HHC;
- **Spc. Yolanda LaVette Barnes-Levy,** HHC;
- **Spc. Angela Cotton-Holmes,** HHC; and
- **Spc. Brian Neil Saulpaw,** Sixth Army Band.

Four soldiers received bachelor's of art or science degrees. They included:
- **Sgt. 1st Class Sydney R. Rundle,** B.A., Sixth Army;
- **Staff Sgt. Elihue R. Claypoole Jr.,** B.A., LUSAHC;
- **Staff Sgt. Cathy M. Siegel,** B.S., LUSAHC; and
- **Sgt. Barry Steven Jackson,** B.A., HHC.

Earning a college degree while working full time is not an easy task. These 19 Army graduates showed that it could be done with determination, self discipline, and the desire to complete a degree.

Working with a Servicemembers Opportunity College (see accompanying story) paid off for most of the soldiers, who applied nontraditional credit sources toward degree requirements.

Congratulations to these motivated soldiers for earning their college degree.

Letterman honors soldiers, civilians

Several Letterman soldiers and civilians recently received awards for their work during downsizing and closure.

Meritorious Service Award: Dr. Henry Donnelly, Stuart Mackenzie, Dr. Milton McDowell, Larry Nager.

Superior Civilian Service Award: Eloise Callwood, Elaina Chin, Edward Foster, Larry Foster, Maria Hirota, Doris Jackson, Doris Ketchum, Carolyn Mucelli, Norbert Sturdevant.

Commander's Award for Civilian Service: Joan Brodas, Robert Caldwell, Lou Castro, Marge Clawson, Martin Comier, Elsa Concepcion, Aurea Covey, Jack Ellwood, Robert Erickson, Glenn Fairbanks, John Finney, Dr. David Furmanski, Michael Grove, Jose Huayllasco, Cristina Jurado, Seoia Leota, Susan Marshall, Patricia McGrath, Viola McKinnely, Elizabeth Murray, Linda Omega, Dion Poupeney, Michael Royce, John Rukilla, Desiree Sarti, Chloe Shelby, Terrel Teter, Arthur Watson, leslie Williams, Robert Wilson, Miriam Wong, Janet Wright, Shirley Wylie.

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service: Marina Amaguin, Belinda Gee, Lloyd Knopfer, Philip Oullette, Alice Sue, Curtis Wilson, Roger Wolford.

Certificate of Achievement: Bruce Green, Shannon Hoff, Tangela Rogers.

Legion of Merit: Col. Michael Brennan, Col. Robert Fellini, Col. Charles Pamplin, Lt. Col. Sandra Peterson

Meritorious Service Medal: Staff Sgt. James Alexander, Staff Sgt. David Benton, Staff Sgt. Darlene Brickman, Sgt. Kerry Bundy, Col. Melvin Butler, Staff Sgt. Elihue Claypoole, Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Darden, Maj. Janet Fiore, Sgt. Sharon Gayoso, Maj. Kim Gustafson, Sgt. 1st Class Jewel Hanson, Staff Sgt. Robert Jackson, Capt. Benetta King, Maj. William Kranzer, Sgt. Kenneth Lea, Capt. Cathy Leppiaho, Lt. Col. Suzanne Malane, CW3 John McCune, Lt. Col. James Poling, Staff Sgt. Danilo Quilaton, Staff Sgt. Robert Riecke, Lt. Col. Kelley Roberson, Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Robinson, Sgt. Lea Rongey, Maj. Monica Ruiz-Durant, Staff Sgt. Ronald Scott, Sgt. 1st Class Mary Seabold, Sgt. Cathy Siegel, Staff Sgt. Ricky Vornheder, Maj. Mary Warren, Capt. Shelley Wehry.

Army Commendation Medal: Spc. Jorge Alequin, Spc. Benjamin Alex, Spc. Arthur Ancheta, Sgt. Cynthia Bandy, Spc. Barry Burdette, Spc. Harry Caleb, 1st Lt. Kelly Beck, Sgt. David Cameron, Sgt. Stephen Castillo, Spc. Garland Compton, Spc. Melissa Dion, Spc. Richard Ebert, Sgt. Frederick Gates, Sgt. Gabriel Ighile, Spc. Dana Kizer, Sgt. Janet Mallorca, Sgt. Alexandra Mankowich, Spc. Wendy Martin, Sgt. Leonard McNutt, Sgt. Michael Micelli, 1st Lt. America Planas, Spc. Wayne Rogers, Spc. James Ropp, Spc. Paulette Smith, Spc. Antonio Spann, Capt. Michael Sosa, Staff Sgt. Eric Tafilowski, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Tolley, Sgt. Alberto Trevino, Staff Sgt. Rose Williams.

Army Achievement Medal: Spc. Benita Adkins, Spc. Demetrius Allen, Spc. James Bennett, Spc. Jesse Bowen, Spc. Jennifer Doering, Spc. Janet Drew, Spc. Frederick Erdman, Spc. Olive Glanville-George, Staff Sgt. Ronald Hancock, Spc. Mary Henckel, Spc. Ralph Hesbol, Spc. Peyton Kayser, Pfc. Douglas Kennedy, Spc. Anacleto Marcos, Spc. Bobbie McMorris, Spc. Bradley Switter, Spc. Lottie Switter, Spc. Keith Taylor, Spc. Cicero Untalan, Spc. Christine Wickard, Spc. Robert Wickard, Spc. Andrew Wilson.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Staff Sgt. Cathy Siegel receives the Meritorious Service Medal at the Letterman closure ceremony June 14.

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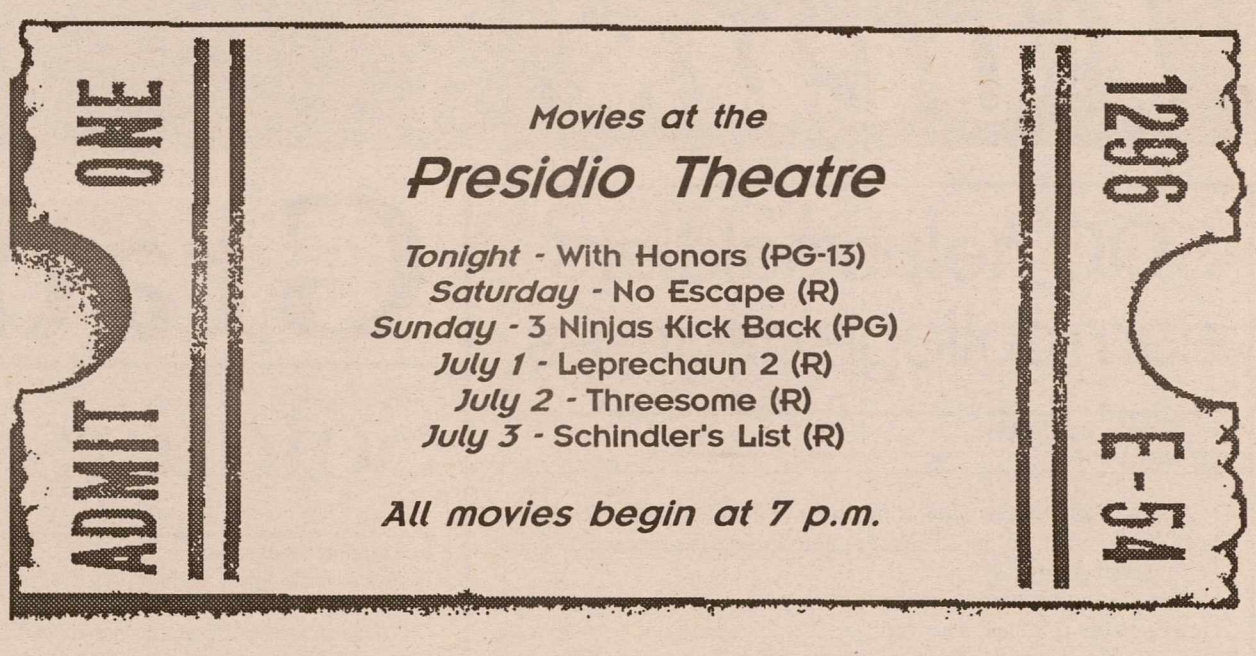
Charity dog walk

On August 21, the American Cancer society is offering dogs, dog owners, and dog lovers a chance to fight cancer at "Tails of the City." Tails of the City is a non-competitive, one- or two-and-a-half mile dog walk-a-thon at Crissy Field. The event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the walk beginning promptly at noon.

In addition to the walk, there will be entertainment and canine contests, such as owner/dog look-a-like contests, a dog fashion show, "canine crooning" contest, dog frisbee-catching and more. Each participant will receive a Tails of the City bandanna.

Funds raised will provide services to cancer patients and their families, education on early detection and prevention of cancer, and continued cancer research. Call the American Cancer Society at **394-7100** to obtain a registration form or for information.



Red Cross news

Effective immediately the emergency communications and financial assistance services normally conducted out of the Presidio office of the American Red Cross will be transferred to the Red Cross at Naval Medical Center Oakland. The phone number is **(510) 633-5880.**

AAFES holiday schedule

The Presidio AAFES facilities will operate on the following schedule July 4: **Main Store**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Furniture Store**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Burger King**, closed; **Service Station Retail and Gas Pumps**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Service Station Bays**, closed; **Shoppette**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; **Anthony's Pizza and Frank's Franks**, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Mall**, closed.

The last luncheon

The Presidio Consolidated Dining Facility will hold its last luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 30. The menu includes: Barbecued spareribs, barbecued chicken, baked Boston beans, shishkebabs, potato salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, fresh baked rolls, chilled watermelon, fresh fruit salad, chocolate chip cookies, soft-serve ice cream and assorted beverages. The Sixth U.S. Army Band will perform during the meal. The cost for soldiers E-1 through E-4 and their spouses will be $1.85, enlisted E-5 through E-9, officers and their spouses and civilian employees, $1.85 and a $5 surcharge, children under 12, $.95 with no surcharge. For more information about the luncheon, call the Headquarters Command Battalion, S-4, at **561-6117** or **561-6203.**

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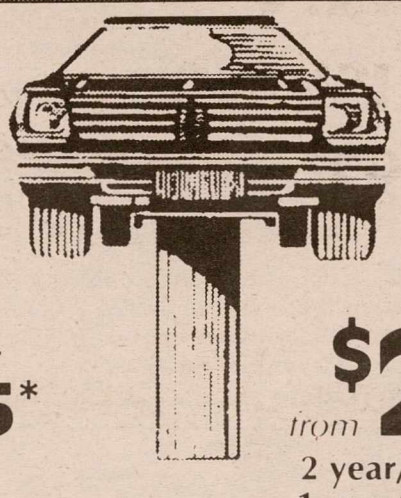

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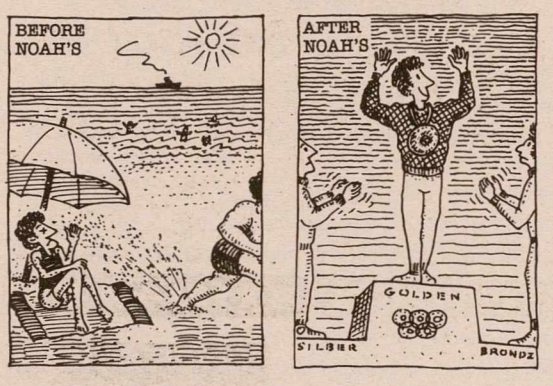

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DPW column

Storm drainage improvement, soil sampling contracts begin on post

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Personnel from the company Dames & Moore are currently on the Presidio at the request of the National Park Service, perform topographic surveys to gain data for use in preparing construction documents for various improvements to the storm drainage system.

Survey data will be collected by a two- to three-person crew. Collecting the survey will take approximately two to three weeks.

The areas to be surveyed include:

1. The Building 100 area, inclusive of the area between Montgomery Street and Taylor Road from Bliss Road to Lincoln Boulevard. Mapping in this area will include the collection of elevation data in the yard, at basement windows, stairwells, building locations and curbs.

2. The general vicinity of the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard with Montgomery Street, inclusive of Bank Street between Lincoln Boulevard and Highway 101.

3. The general area around the Bowling Center, bounded by Moraga Avenue, Montgomery Street, Sheridan Avenue, and Arguello Boulevard.

4. Lincoln Boulevard, from Long Drive to the Battery East parking lot.

5. The general vicinity of the Battery East parking lot, inclusive of the lot and adjacent areas extending up to and including Battery East near Magazine D.

6. The Battery Chamberlain area along Lincoln Boulevard between Battery Chamberlain Road and Bowley Street, extending between 150 to 200 feet downslope toward Battery Chamberlain.

7. The historic cavalry stable area, inclusive of buildings 661, 662 and 663 and portions of the area along and adjacent to Cowles Street and McDowell Avenue.

8. The loading dock and dumpster areas for the LAIR Complex, Letterman Complex, Commissary and the Officers' Club.

Dames & Moore has also been contracted by the National Park Service to perform subsurface soil investigations on the Presidio starting Monday. Areas affected are:

1. Boring to a depth of about 20 feet in the vicinity of Building 100 for extraction of soil samples and installation of a piezometer to monitor ground water levels.

2. Boring to a depth of about 20 feet in the vicinity of Building 105 for extraction of soil samples.

3. Two borings to a depth between five and 15 feet in or near the existing Battery East parking lot.

4. One boring to a depth of about 40 feet along the western edge of Lincoln Boulevard between Pershing Drive and Stilwell Road.

5. One boring to a depth about 40 feet within the Wherry Housing complex near the area bounded by buildings 1553, 1555, 1561 and 1582.

6. One test pit excavated to a depth of eight to 10 feet to evaluate the infiltrative capacity of subsurface soil in the Wherry Housing area.

7. One test pit will be excavated to a depth of eight to 10 feet to evaluate the infiltrative capacity of subsurface soils between Building 104 and Taylor Road.

If you have any questions regarding the scope of this work, please contact Holly Stone, National Park Service, at **556-0347, ext. 150.**

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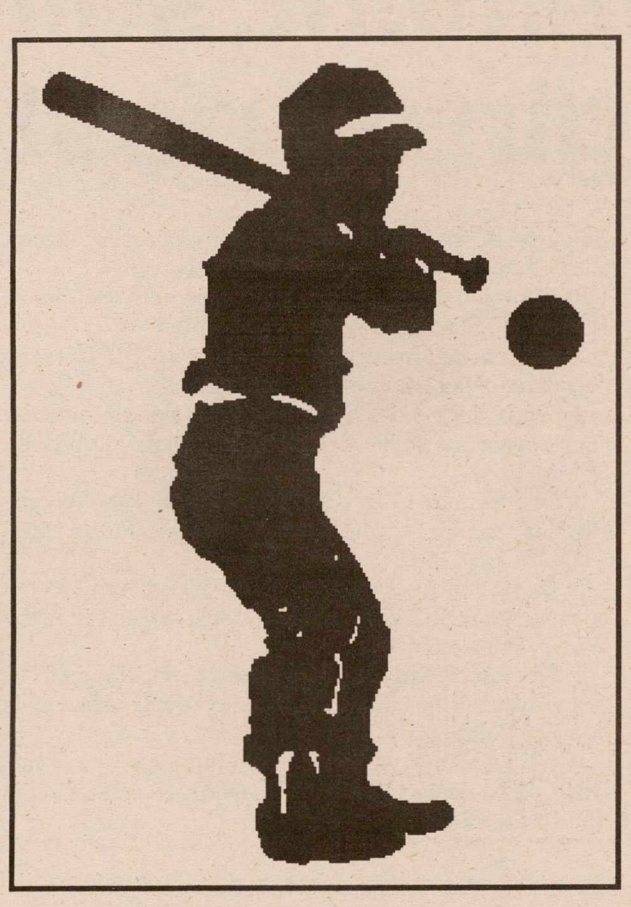
Presidio Rangers reach City finals



By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Rangers advanced through the playoffs by beating two teams to reach the finals for the City Championship.

The Rangers wiped out the Lions 12-5 June 16 in the playoffs and squeaked past the Gators 14-12 on Saturday to win the division title.

In the first game, Steve Brutscher once again showed his pitching prowess. He faced five batters in the first inning to hit one and strike out three. He went on to strike out all three batters he faced in the second inning and struck out one batter in each of the next five innings.

Meanwhile, the Rangers put points on the board in every inning except the second and the sixth.

Robby Lewis and Ryan Gasparovic singled, and Marva Morrow drew a base on balls to open the inning. All three later scored to give their team a 3-0 lead. In the third, Gasparovic singled again, and Morrow walked again. Both scored to pad the lead.

In the fourth inning the Rangers added three more runs on a walk to Aaron Pulanco and two singles to Randy O'Briant and Ariel Bryce-Miller. All three scored for an 8-0 lead. The lions got one of those runs back on two errors by the Rangers' second baseman, but Brutscher ended the inning by pitching another strikeout.

After the Rangers scored another run in the fifth, the Lions added three points to their score to close the gap, 9-4 in the Rangers" favor. The Rangers got their final three runs in the seventh inning on two singles and two errors. Morrow and Gasparovic scored three runs, and Lewis scored twice for the Rangers.

The Rangers won their division by fending off the Gators, 14-12 Saturday.

Brutscher carried a 12-6 lead into the fifth inning and recorded seven strikeouts. Morrow relieved him in the fifth inning and recorded four more strikeouts enroute to sealing the victory.

Trailing 1-0, the Rangers jumped ahead by four runs in the second on two walks, two singles and an error. Johnny Adkins was hit by a pitch. When the dust settled, the Rangers led 5-1.

The Gators fell apart in the next inning as they committed five errors and gave up two singles and two bases on balls, thus allowing the Rangers to rack up seven more runs.

The Gators battled back in the fourth and fifth, picking up five runs in each inning and narrowing the Rangers' lead to 13-11. Then they scored a run in the sixth inning on a walk, a 6-3 groundout and two strikeouts to cut the Rangers' lead to one point.

But the Rangers didn't panic. Morrow led off the top of the seventh inning with a double and scored when Brutscher flied out to center field. With the score now 14-12, Jimmy Jackson then singled and tried to score on Adkins's single but was thrown out at the plate.

Morrow retired the next three batters he faced to seal the victory, 14-12 and advance the team to the game for the City title. Read about those highlights next week!

Bowling

Stakers, 4 Rollers rise to top ranks

Reno League

The Strokers' Barbara Bagley was one of the week's "200 bowlers" and a star in her own right as she rolled a 211 game and a 579 series during the Reno Fun Summer League's fifth week of competition.

Her 579 series puts her on top of the high series scratch category for women in the league. Unfortunately, her prowess wasn't good enough to keep her team out of last place.

The other star of the week was Art Burford of Family Affair. He bowled a 237 game and a 627 high scratch series. His series score places him second in that category for the men, behind Seven/Eleven's Lee Hopkins, who leads all keglers to date with a 646 scratch series.

Seven/Eleven was bumped from second to third place by Family Affair, which moved up from fourth place. The Four Tops also moved up two places in the standings.

This week's 200 bowlers include: Burford, 237 and 208; Robert Jackson, Seven/Eleven, 222; Rod Hangka, Four Tops, 218; Bagley, 211; and Bud Fleming, Pai Gow Pokers, 201.

Standings after 20 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **The 4 Rollers** 13-3, (16 games) 9,061
2. **Family Affair** 13-7, 10,855
3. **Seven/Eleven** 12-8, 11,186
4. **Pai Gow Pokers** 10-10, 10,801
5. **Four Tops** 10-10, 10,749
6. **Active & Retirees** 9-11, 9,052
7. **Strokers** 5-11 (16 games), 10,680

Intramural Bowling

The top four teams in the league have maintained their positions, while the Operational Readiness Evaluation's three teams have juggled the final three spots.

Don Banks, of second place Command Group, was one of the week's stars after bowling a 245 scratch game and totaling a 623 high series scratch to become the league leader in that category.

Patricia Jordan was the star of the week for the women after rolling a 180 game and totaling 463 for a series.

Felix Mallorca bowled 255 to record the highest game.

Standings after 20 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **RG-PSF** 18-2, 8,456
2. **Cmd Grp** 14-6, 8,542
3. **RTD** 14-6, 8,179
4. **CRD Sports** 10.5-9.5, 8,305
5. **ORE #I** 8-12, 8,148
6. **ORE** 7.5-12.5, 6,485
7. **ORE#II** 6-14, 7,887

Hui O Hawaii League

The Stakers have risen from second to first place and lead the Four Tops by two games. The Tops took over second place after wallowing in fifth place the previous week.

The Stakers had three bowlers roll games of 200 or more during the week.

Barbara Bagley, of the Stakers, helped her team's cause and became one of the stars of the week by bowling games of 208 and 202 and recording a 573 series. The Four Tops' Mel Washington was the week's other star. He rolled a 240 scratch game and totaled 625 for a scratch series. Those scores place him in second place for both categories for the season.

The week's other 200 bowlers included: Robert Jackson, Stakers, 241; Rich Camacho, Lil' Kolohe II, 219 and 200; Rod Hangka, Whom Knows, 210; Don Banks, Stakers, 207; and Joe Montalvo, Up Your Alley, 202.

Standings after 20 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **Stakers** 14-6, 11,416
2. **Four Tops** 12-8, 11,162
3. **Whom Knows** 12-8, 10,813
4. **Up Your Alley** 11-9, 11,204
5. **High Rollers** 10-10, 11,166
6. **Lil' Kolohe II** 10-10, 11,000
7. **Islanders** 8-12, 10,689
8. **Navy Wenches** 3-17, 10,317

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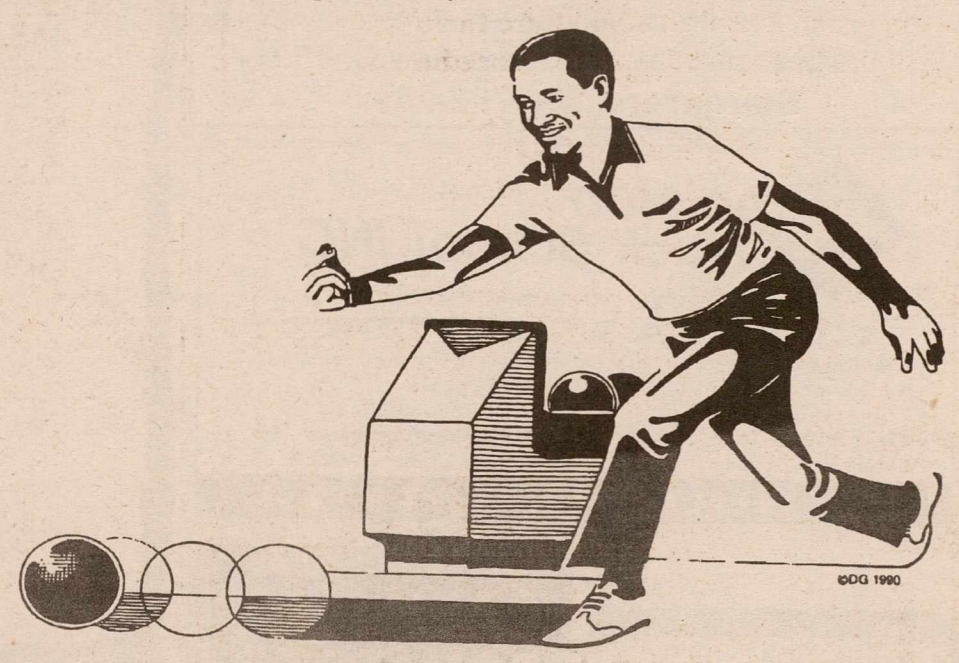

NCL Cyclists race on post Saturday

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The San Francisco Shakers will have their first home race from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday here on the Presidio of San Francisco.

The race will be on a circular course using Old and New Mason streets between the Post Exchange/Commissary Mall and Crissy Field. The bicycle race will also feature teams from New York, San Diego, Portland, Ore., and Tulsa, Okla.

The Shakers are part of the National Cycle League, which includes 10 USA teams and four foreign teams.

The Shakers are an expansion team and are unique among all of the others. Eight of the 11 Shakers are members of the Miller Lite racing team. This gives the Shakers much needed experience right from the start.

However, racing in *this* league will be different from other races because of the unique scoring system.

In NCL races, teams tally points every third lap, called the "sprint lap," throughout the race. The first five riders across the Sprint line are awarded points for their team, with 10 points for first place, eight for second, six for third, four for fourth and two for fifth.

Double points are awarded for the final sprint of the race —20 for first, 16 for second, etc.

A rider who laps the field gets 10 additional points for his team, but any rider who gets lapped by the field is out of the race.

The race is run in halves, probably to Americanize it. There are five sprint laps per half.

The league includes the Shakers, the New York Ghosts, Portland Thunder, San Diego Zoom, Tulsa Cyclones, Miami Wave, Houston Outlaws, Pittsburgh Power, Los Angeles Wings, Boston Banshees, London Lancers, Milano (Italy) Forza, Toronto Pride, and Amsterdam (Netherlands) Tigers.

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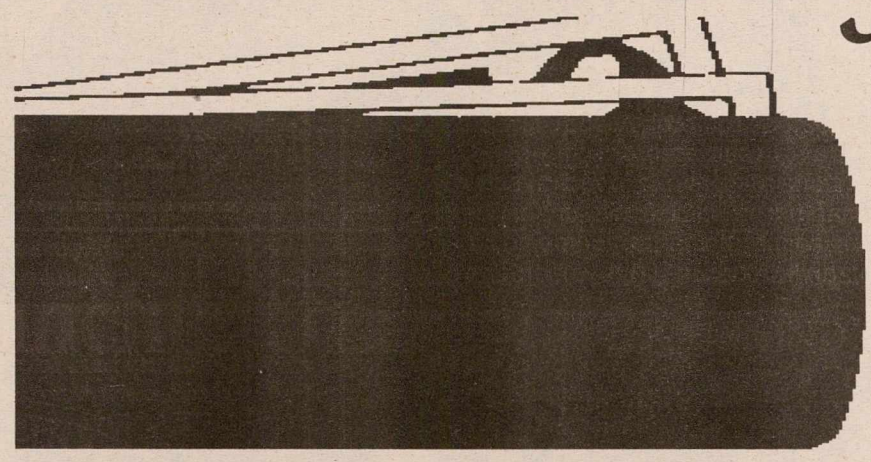

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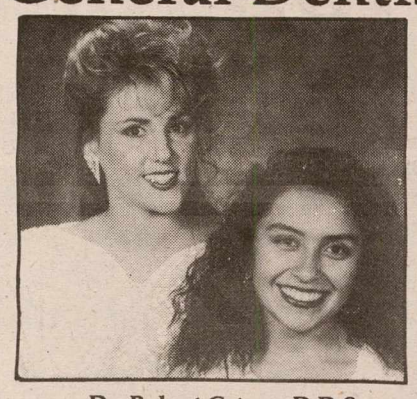

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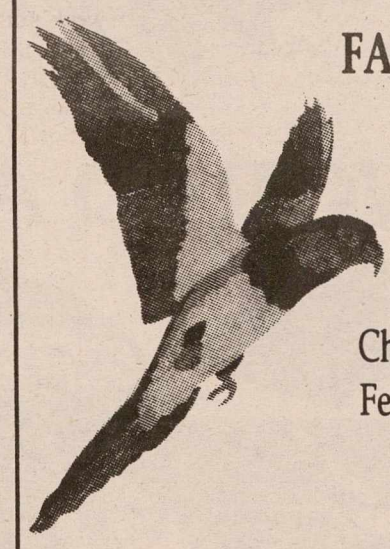

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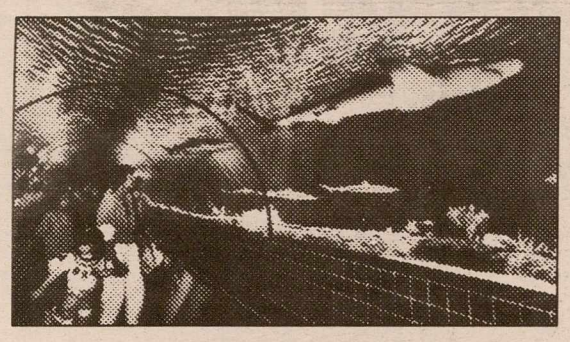

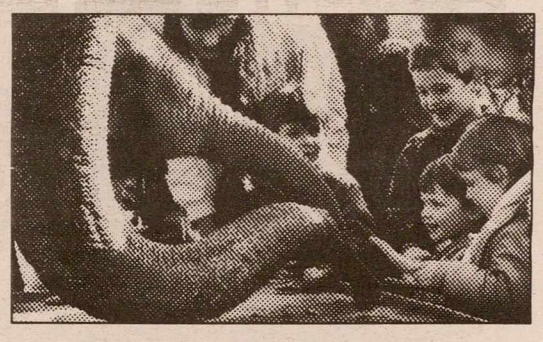

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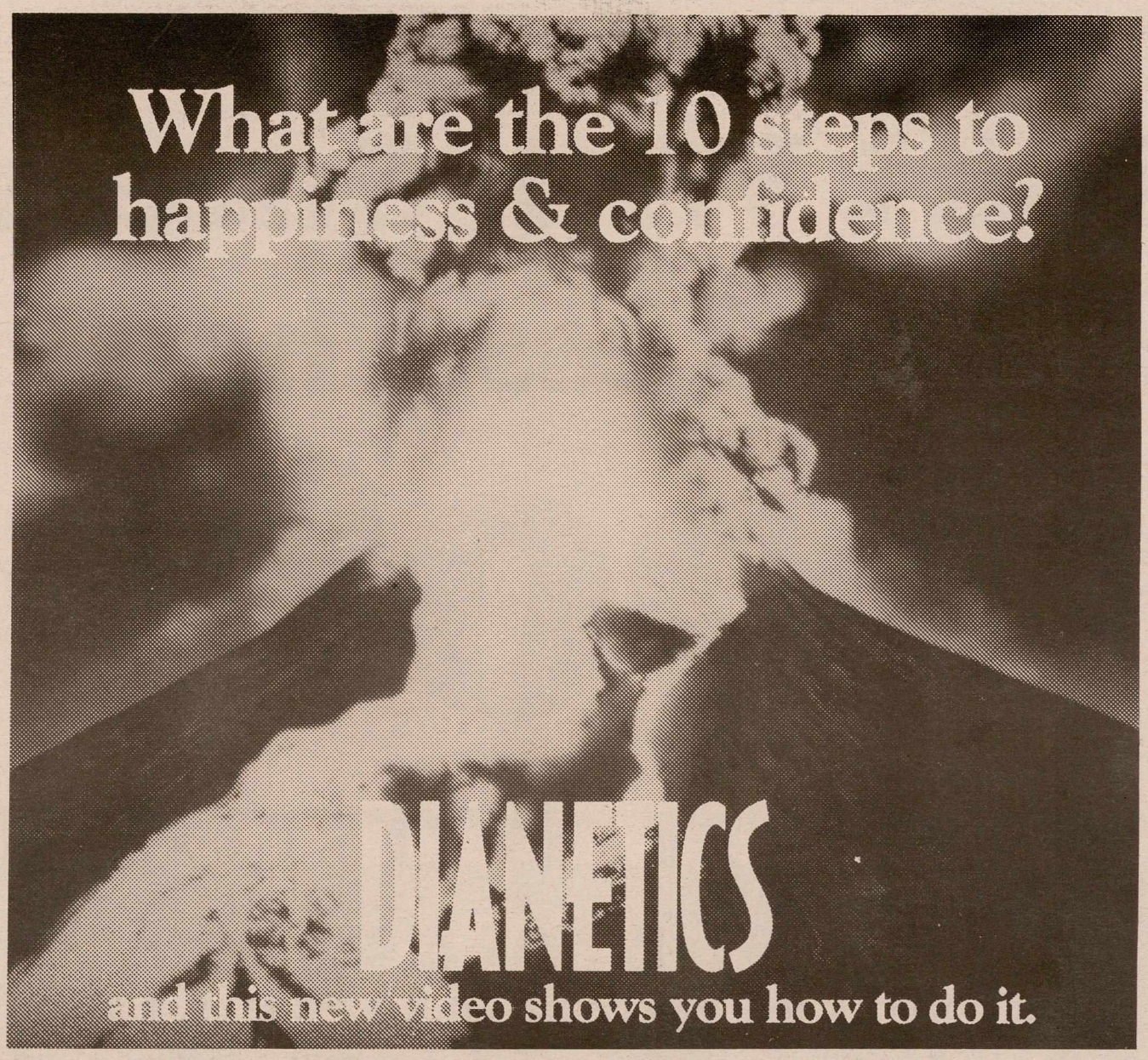

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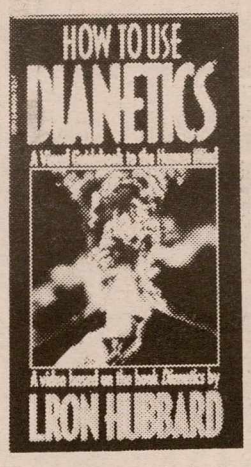

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Sharon E. Everett-Roles

'Soccer' to me!

Staff Sgt. James T. Harper of the Sixth U.S. Army Band takes a moment to play with Striker, the World Cup Soccer Tournament mascot, before the World Cup opening ceremony at Stanford Stadium. The band played the national anthems of participating teams at all of the California World Cup matches.

Park Service begins Letterman re-use talks

The Tides Foundation and the University of California at San Francisco have been selected to enter into immediate discussions about leasing space in the Letterman Complex at the Presidio of San Francisco, National Park Service Presidio General Manager Robert Chandler announced. The Park Service is also asking five other organizations interested in Letterman facilities to provide additional information on their proposals, in advance of potential tenancy discussions.

The Tides Foundation and UCSF proposals were two of 16 submissions received by the May 6 deadline in response to the *Request for Qualifications to Lease Buildings in the Letterman Complex*, released by the Park Service on March 22. Based on evaluation by the National Park Service and an outside expert panel review, two of these submissions -- the "Thoreau Center for Sustainability" proposed by San Francisco-based Tides and the "Center for Health Science Research and Education" proposed by UCSF -- met or exceeded the stated program, historic preservation, and rehabilitation and occupancy goals and demonstrated organizational and financial capability, as outlined in the RFQ document.

"We are pleased both with the level of interest in the RFQ and the quality of the submissions," Chandler said. "Beginning discussions with the Tides Foundation and UCSF represents the first major step towards achieving both our program and real estate leasing objectives in the transformation of the Presidio into a great urban national park."

Established in 1976 to promote creative nonprofit activity and to manage philanthropic resources devoted to social change, the Tides Foundation has more than $23 million in annual revenues and carries out traditional grantmaking, sponsorship of more than 200 innovative programs throughout the country, and management of other small and medium-sized philanthropic entities.

In its submission, the Tides Foundation, in partnership with Equity Community Builders, proposes to convert approximately 73,000 square feet of Historic Letterman General Hospital Wards into offices, classrooms, and public exhibit space to establish the "Thoreau Center for Sustainability," which, according to the submission, will "create a facility to house a number of charitable organizations each of which, as part of its mission, is committed to bringing together the public and the best scientific and public policy thinking on environmental and social issues."

The proposed multi-tenant concept would relocate offices or establish new public programs representing several existing non-governmental organizations, including Tides, the Exploratorium, the Institute for Global Communications (to develop an InterNet public access center), the Energy Foundation, the Materials for the Future Foundation, Social Venture Network, and the Children's Environmental Health Network. The proposal also allocates space to incubate emerging nonprofit organizations at the Presidio. Building rehabilitation is also proposed to incorporate "the latest developments in environmentally sustainable building materials, processes and systems, including fully integrated waste management and recycling systems, and the use of alternative energy systems and recycled building materials."

The University of California at San Francisco, founded in 1864, is the only campus of the University of California system exclusively devoted to the health sciences. Now employing more than 15,000 people and with an annual budget in excess of $1 billion, UCSF is internationally recognized in clinical practice, teaching, and biomedical research.

In its submission, UCSF proposes to lease the entire 1.2 million square foot Letterman Complex to establish the "Presidio Center for Health Science Research and Education." According to the submission, activities would include "research concerning the causes, prevention, and treatment of diseases of national and international importance, including those associated with environmental pollution . . . education of health care professionals from the United States and around the world . . . education of the general public concerning the health sciences and their application to personal health and societal benefits . . . and cooperative projects with other Park Partners that meet the overall goals established for the Presidio by NPS."

Research programs which could be considered for Presidio facilities include population dynamics, epidemiology, pathogenesis and control of microbial disease, human genetics, structural and cell biology, and other basic medical sciences.

The selection of the Tides Foundation and UCSF by the Park Services does not guarantee tenancy in the Presidio, nor does it imply Park Service concurrence or endorsement of all aspects of each proposal. The Park Service will begin discussions with both Tides and UCSF within the next two weeks. This process, depending on the complexity of the proposed use concepts and other factors, could take several months. Any subsequent lease(s) will not be signed until the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Presidio General Management Plan Amendment is completed this summer. If additional environmental review of the specific proposals is needed, it will be conducted after the FEIS is completed.

Public workshops will be held during the negotiation process to both inform the public of the specific proposals and to gain public input prior to finalizing any lease.

Five other organizations which submitted responses to the RFQ -- ACERIS, California State Department of Health Services, Far West Laboratory for Educational Research, Fort Mason Foundation, and San Francisco State University (two submissions) -- have been given the opportunity to supplement their responses by submitting additional information in writing to the Park Service by July 22. The Park Service may choose to engage any of these organizations in subsequent discussions about Letterman tenancy, based on NPS evaluation of the submitted materials and the outcome of discussions with Tides and UCSF.

The sponsoring organizations of eight of the RFQ submissions have been notified that their submission would no longer be considered by the Park Service, because the submissions did not meet minimum square footage or Letterman-specific program requirements as outlined in the RFQ document.

Some of the organizations which were not selected by the Park Service through this RFQ process may have opportunities to locate in the Letterman Complex by becoming sub-tenants of another organization. There may also be tenancy opportunities at other Presidio locations.

Copies of all 16 submissions are available for public review at the Park Service Presidio Public Information Center, Building 102, on the Presidio's Main Post. Call **556-3111** for information.

(National Park Service)

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This year we celebrate the 218th anniversary of the birth of our great nation. Over two centuries ago, our forefathers brought forth a new nation with new ideals. Those ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness established our country as the leading light for democracy and a nation dedicated to preserve and protect the freedoms and dignity of all its citizens.

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So, on this greatest of national holidays, let us pause to consider and appreciate all that is so good about America. Also let us reflect on the men and women in uniform who serve our nation so well, and who proudly add to the honorable legacy that America's Army has nurtured since our nation's birth.

Happy Birthday, America!

Glynn C Mallory, Jr

Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding Officer

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you, the Editor, because our neighborhood is looking much better. It is amazing.

On June 6, I contacted Cindy Agness (DPW Customer Relations) on another matter and I ended up telling her about my letter to the editor. I did not tell her the specifics and suggested that if she wanted to know what was upsetting me that she drive through our neighborhood to see for herself. Apparently, she visited our neighborhood. Not long after that, the contractor was removing the excess pipes and removing some of the debris.

I called Mrs. Agness back and thanked her for the prompt action and expressed my surprise that corrective action could happen so quickly.

On June 8, I received a call from Doug Delaney, Corps of Engineers, who wanted to meet with me (he received a copy of my letter).

On June 10, the contractor was in our neighborhood working on covering all the holes, burying the water pipes, etc. The contractor had some of his people working in the neighborhood the entire day. They were correcting safety problems, cleaning up, etc.

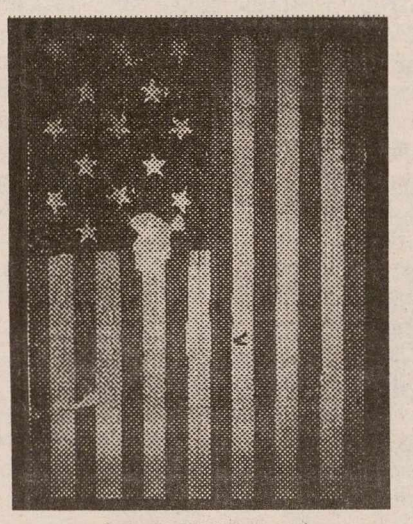
Apparently the problems (especially the safety concerns) that I pointed out in my June 4 letter to the editor were high visibility and important enough for immediate corrective action.

The Army and the contractor responded decisively. However, I can't understand why corrective action was not taken before my letter was written. I cannot believe that no one saw these problems or potential problems.

If a government official saw these problems, why wasn't the contractor informed? If the contractor was informed, why didn't he act? Who was accountable? Who was responsible?

My family, my neighbors and I want to thank the *Star Presidian* for providing space for "Letters to the Editor" and for allowing me to express my opinion.

Thomas L. Cho



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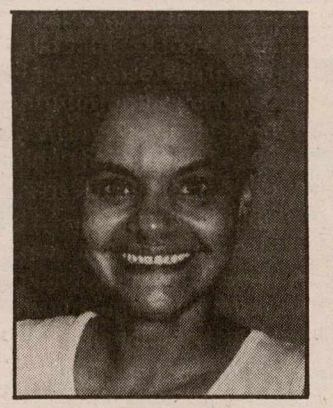
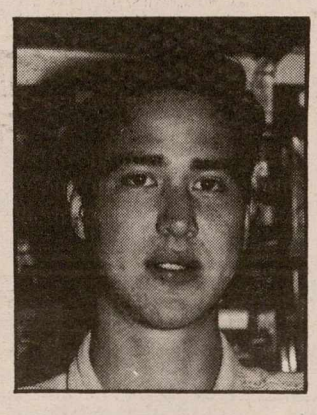
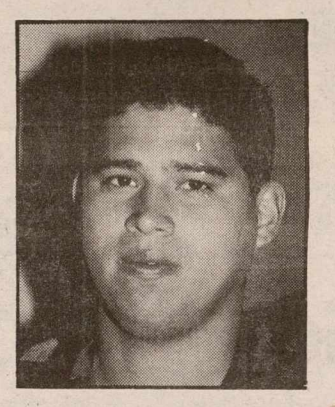


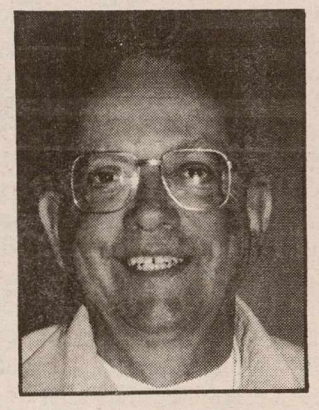
Maria Taylor, contract quality control officer, Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic: "Would the garrison commander like to use LUSAHC's janitorial services to help with the post's trantision? We're here to serve."



Robert Icard, sales associate, Post Exchange: "When will we (employees) get a definite answer on the PX's closure? Many of us are working here on a temporary basis."



Spc. Alvino Reyna, administrative clerk, DCSIM: "Why does the Officers' Club want enlisted soldiers to pay $7 per month for its use?"



Robert Desantis, office administrator, Main Post Chapel: "What is being planned for a base closure ceremony or ceremonies? A lot of people, on and off base, are interested."

A number of soldiers have asked: "Will the cleaning service in the PX Mall lower its prices to the level of the Quartermaster Laundry service now that quartermaster service has been eliminated?" The quartermaster service cleaned four sets of BDUs and two short sleeve shirts for $6.70.

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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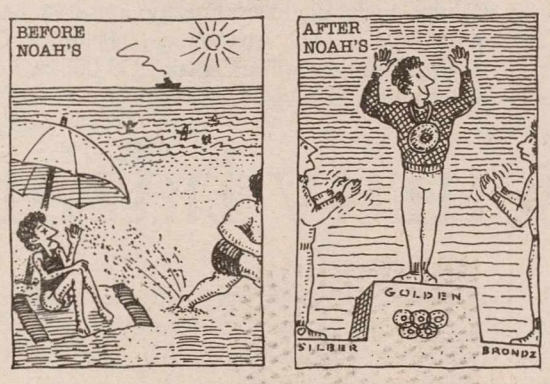

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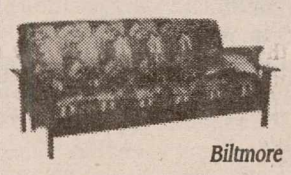
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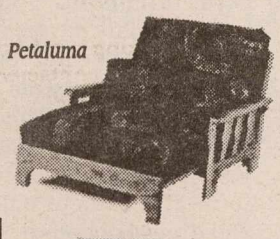
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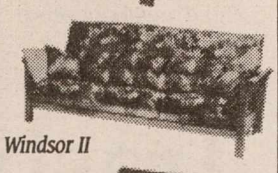
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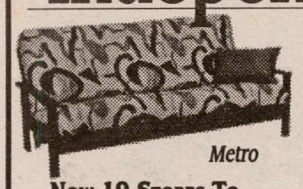
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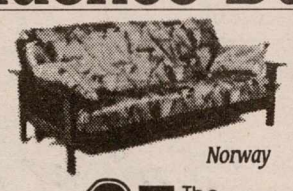
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Transition column

Benefits under separation explained, jobs, classes and counseling available

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
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Here is some important information about your benefits upon separation. A special thanks to the Civilian Personnel Office for providing these valuable tips.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). As with your health insurance, your TSP withdrawal options are dependant on whether your separation is voluntary or involuntary due to RIF. Legislation enacted in October 1992 allows employees separated involuntarily due to RIF to have the same withdrawal options as TSP participants who separate from Federal service with eligibility for immediate retirement benefits. Therefore, you may elect to leave your money in the TSP, or you may withdraw your vested account balance in any of the ways listed below. This legislation does **not**, however, affect the TSP vesting provisions for employees in the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). To be vested in, and entitled to the Agency Automatic (one percent) Contributions in their accounts, FERS employees must have three years of Federal civilian service when they separate.

Withdrawal options:

1. Transfer the entire account to an IRA or other eligible retirement account.

2. Purchase a life annuity immediately or at a later date.

3. Receive the entire account balance as a single payment immediately or at a later date -- or receive part of the account balance and have the rest transferred to an IRA or other eligible retirement account.

4. Receive direct payment of a series of equal monthly payments immediately or at a later date -- or have a series of equal monthly payments transferred to an IRA or other eligible retirement account -- or have a portion of the equal monthly payments sent to you and a portion transferred to an IRA or other retirement account.

However, if your vested account balance is $3,500 or less you will automatically receive your account balance in the form of a cashout unless you select one of the above withdrawal options or specify that you wish to leave it in TSP.

The withdrawal options of employees who voluntarily separate depend on their eligibility for retirement benefits (no retirement eligibility, eligibility for deferred retirement only or eligibility for immediate retirement). For an employee who is not eligible for any retirement benefits (has less than five years civilian service) and his account is less than $3,500, his only options are to roll over his account to an IRA or other eligible retirement account or have the money sent directly to him.

As you can see the options are many and all have income tax implications. You will receive a TSP Withdrawal Information packet from CPO. Do not be alarmed by the size of the packet! It contains all the forms you would need for any withdrawal option. Once you receive it, read the brochure, *Withdrawing Your TSP Account Balance*, and its addendum. These brochures will explain the withdrawal options in more detail. They also explain what happens when you are rehired with the Federal government.

How do you make a withdrawal election? CPO will complete a TSP-18, Validation of Retirement Information, and forward it to the TSP service office in addition to giving you a copy. You will need to submit a TSP-7, Election of Benefits, and submit it to the TSP Service office listed in your withdrawal packet, along with the appropriate form(s) from your withdrawal packet for the type of withdrawal option you have chosen. You should complete the TSP-7 whether or not you are ready to withdraw your account.

Retirement Account Refunds. An employee is eligible for a refund of his retirement contributions if he has been separated for at least 31 days and not been reemployed in a position subject to retirement deductions when he files the application, or transfers to a position that is not subject to retirement deductions. You may not be eligible to receive an annuity within 31 days after your application is filed or be prohibited from a refund due to a court order. There may also be a spousal notification requirement. You can make a direct rollover to an IRA of that portion of your refund that is eligible for rollover. There are some differences between the two retirement systems.

CSRS enrollees. If you have less than one year or more than five years of civilian service there is no interest payable on your refund. Only the portion of hte refund that is taxable is that portion that represents interest earned. If you withdraw your contributions and plan to later work and retire from the Federal service you will need to redeposit with interest your refund to have this time count for the dollar amount of your annuity.

FERS enrollees. In general a FERS lump-sum credit earns interest at the market rate compounded annually. No interest is paid, however, for less than one year of service or fractions of months. Payment of a FERS refund permanently voids any retirement rights based on that period of service.

The **Army Career and Alumni Program** (ACAP) has two offices to assist you in your departure from the Presidio of San Francisco and surrounding military installations. The **Transition Assistance Office** is the first step, and they will help you identify all benefits and resources available to you. The **Job Assistance Office** is the second step, and they will help you in conducting an efficient, effective job search through training, individual counseling, and computerized tools. ACAP is located in Building 37 on the second floor. Call **561-2554** for information.

When you go for your job interview, will you know what to say and do? Do you know what to expect? What will be asked? Learn skills to help you have a more confident interview by attending the three-hour workshop on **interviewing skills**, conducted by the Job Assistance Center from Fort Ord. The seminar begins at 9 a.m. July 6, at Civilian Personnel, Building 37. Call **561-2554** to make reservations. Administrative leave may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor. A class on **evaluating job offers** will be offered July 20.

The National Park Service is recruiting for three positions, all with closing dates of July 7. Send your applications to Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123, ATTN: Personnel. Positions are: Biologist (Integrated Pest Management), GS-0401-11, Announcement Number GOGA-94-59; General Engineer (Energy Conservation Coordinator), GS-0801-11/2, Announcement Number GOGA-94-43; Lead Firefighter (Fire Captain), GS-0081-07, Announcement Number GOGA-94-60.

Trash piles can be safety, security hazard

Story and photo by Sgt. Maj. Dennis MacKay
Headquarters, Command Battalion

Where was your trash on June 20, 1994? As shown in the picture, one of your neighbors could very well have deposited this trash on a street corner in your housing area -- awaiting some magical sanitation engineer to pick it up.

The reality is that a magical sanitation engineer does not exist to clean up these trash piles. It is left to the post roving patrol to police up your housing areas and remove the trash to the dump, even though their primary mission is to police the miles of road on the Presidio for trash that tends to accumulate from our many visitors. When all of their time is spent in the housing areas, the beauty of our post becomes marred.

Yes, I know that you can call the DPW service desk for large trash that the commercial sanitation crews are unable to pick up. One aspect of downsizing is that DPW no longer provides this service internally but must relay requests to the San Francisco Conservation Corps; they have assumed this responsibility. The problem lies in the fact that the SFCC is providing numerous services to maintain green areas of the post and perform conservation duties with a limited number of people. Therefore, the trash may remain in place for days awaiting pick-up.

Meanwhile, children and animals find these piles of trash attractive places to play and investigate. The result is that it becomes scattered all around the area in which it was placed. So far, I have not heard of a child being injured but the possibility is there. I have found sharp metal pieces, rotten food, electrical items, solvents, paints, glues and other castoffs which represent a danger to the children who investigate these trash piles.

Another spinoff is that these trash piles become treasure troves for transients who wander through this post on a daily basis. So the problem is compounded -- not only is it a sanitary problem, but also a security problem.

What is the solution? By working together, we can eliminate these problems. The service order desk at **561-4505** will take your calls for trash removal. I encourage you to use this for removal of limbs, grass clippings and weeds which don't pose any threat. For other items that you are able to bag, take them to the post Debris Collection Point on Park Boulevard, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. If items are too large or numerous for you to handle, page me at **245-0457** so I can arrange to have the items picked up. For paint, solvents, glues and other hazardous materials, call **561-6361** during normal duty hours to arrange for their collection.

With everyone's cooperation, we can not only keep the housing areas clean and sanitary but will be ale to maintain the roads and common areas to the standards established through our many years on the Presidio.

Shakers split cycling doubleheader

SAN FRANCISCO — The Portland Thunder Saturday became the first piece of the National Cycle League's World Title Race Six puzzle.

With his arms raised high, Thunder sprinter and NCL career points leader Fast Fred Markham crossed the finish line first and started the Thunder's celebration.

Under extremely windy conditions at San Francisco's Crissy Field Markham, who led all riders with 36 points, was able to lead the Thunder to a tight victory over the host San Francisco Shakers and the visiting New York Ghosts.

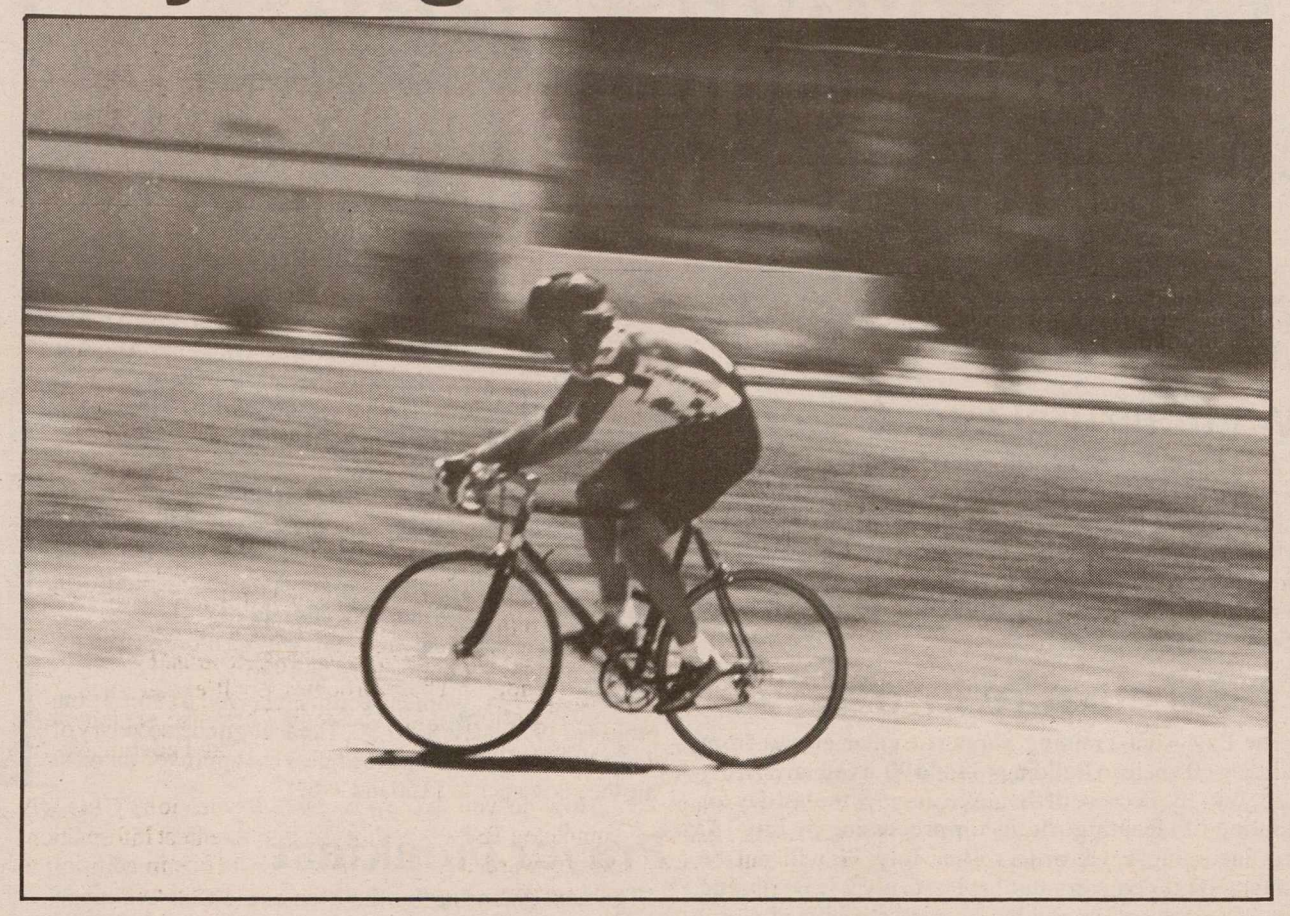
Portland clinched the Pacific Conference title with a total of 138 points. The Shakers, who languished in third place with only 36 points at halftime, finished second with 116 and the Ghosts third with 76.

San Francisco, eliminated after Markham's final sprint victory, was led by John Peters' 34 points.

Then San Francisco, thought to be distraught after losing their opening race, came back to destroy the field in the second half of Saturday's doubleheader. The Shakers jumped out to an early lead in the second race and rolled up 116 points by halftime, led by the sprinting skill of Thurlow Rogers who tallied 36 points in the first half. The San Diego Zoom trailed them with 28 points followed by the Tulsa Cyclones with 6. In the second half Rogers, a former Olympian, kept up the pressure and the Shakers cruised to victory with 230 points, followed by the San Diego Zoom 62 and the Tulsa Cyclones with 38.

San Francisco got huge efforts from both John Peters and Rodgers who scored 58 and 56 points, respectively. A week earlier Rogers placed fourth in the grueling 100-mile Nationals in Seattle, Wash. At 38 he is one of the oldest riders in the league.

The NCL season has a race next week in Milan, Italy.



Picking up 10 more points, the San Francisco Shakers's Thurlow Rogers leaves the pack behind to help extend his team's lead in the first half of the second race Saturday here.

Bowling

Postkeglers roll into week six for summer

Intramural Bowling

Felix Mallorca bowled games of 212, 211 and 207 for a 630 series to help Readiness Group-PSF extend its first place lead by six games. Mallorca's 630 is the league's series high for the season.

Community Recreation Division's Bobbie Gascon rolled a 203 game, and Pat Jordan of Operational Readiness and Evaluation #I bowled a 167 game and 475 series.

Standings after 24 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. RG-PSF 22-2, 10,187
2. CMD GRP 16-8, 10,165
3. CRD Sports 14.5-9.5, 9,990
4. RTD 14-10, 9,729
5. ORE #I 12-12, 9,865
6. ORE #II 8-16, 9,534
7. ORE 7.5-12.5, 6,485

Reno League

The Strokers's Barbara Bagley was the league's hot bowler who rolled a 257 game plus two 214 games. She also recorded a 685 series.

Bud Fleming bowled a 227 game and 618 series to help the Pai Gow Pokers close with Seven/Eloeven in a battle for second place.

Other 200 bowlers included: Lee Hopkins, Seven/Eleven, 227; Robert Jackson, Seven/Eleven, 302; and C.G. Neal, Pai Gow Pokers, 200.

Standings after 24 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. Family Affair 17-7, 12,982
2. Seven/Eleven 14-10, 13,363
3. Pai Gow Pokers 14-10, 13,266
4. The 4 rollers 13-7, 9.061 (20 games)
5. Four Tops 12-12, 12,851
6. Strokers 9-11, 13,066 (20 games)
7. Active & Retirees 9-15, 11,212

Hui O Hawaii League

The Stakers maintained their lead in the league and extended their record to 17-7 after 24 games bowled. They were led by Don Banks's 216 scratch game.

The stars of the week included roving sub Ed Pulanco who bowled a 223 scratch game and 560 series, and the Four Tops' Linda Laws who rolled a 225 scratch game and 580 series. Laws's 225 is the top scratch game for the women this season.

Standings
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. Stakers 17-7, 13,633
2. Up Your Alley 15-9, 13,430
3. Four Tops 15-9, 13,352
4. Lil Kolohe II 13-11, 13,163
5. Whom Knows 13-11, 13,025
6. High Rollers 11-13, 13,293
7. Islanders 9-15, 12,801
8. Navy Wenches 3-21, 12,372

Nutrition NCO shares hobby with post

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

A nutritionist at Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic has found a way to leave her mark with the post's military and civilian employees.

Staff Sgt. Darlene E. Brickmann, nutrition care NCO, designs and builds plaques — for anyone who wants one.

"I put a lot of love into it," Brickmann said. "My motto is 'customers are always first.'"

Brickmann is the former noncommissioned officer in charge of production and services for LUSAHC's Nutrition Care Division.

Now, she has developed another way to serve Presidians and have a positive impact on morale.

Through her skills and talent she has developed a fulltime job from a hobby.

Besides the basic plaque, Brickmann also makes special plaques with a twist. Instead of some words etched into a block of wood, Brickmann makes career ladders.

The ladder depicts the awardee's career path.

The ladder is centered on a large piece of felt-covered wood. Then, wood is then bordered with ribbon. Brickmann adds the recipient's various rank insignias and unit crests, and lists the awardee's affiliated commands and jobs. She uses a Vanguard 3000 engraving machine to etch command names and job titles into the plates that are then attached to the felt on either side of the ladder. Brickmann attaches the rank and unit insignias onto the ladder.

"People donate their rank insignia's and unit crests. I utilize available supplies and availabe people, " she said.

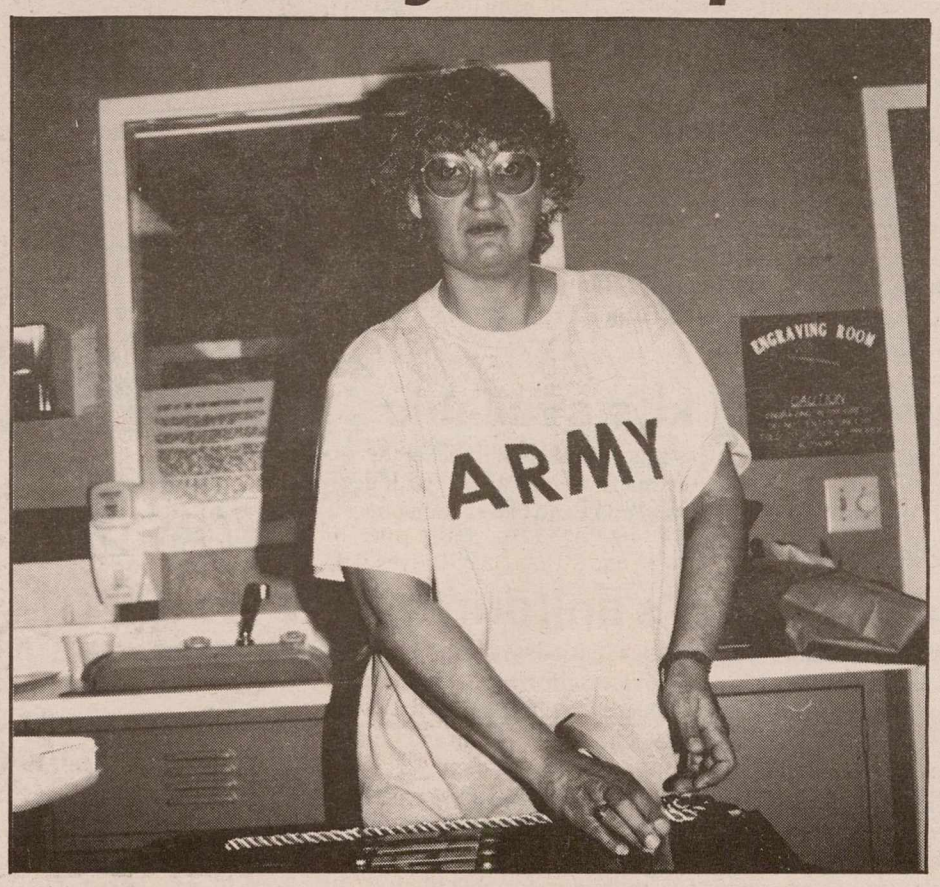
Brickmann recycles clocks, wooden calendar holders and old plaques to make her creations. She reuses the wood from the old plaques and puts new graphics on the old clocks that were left behind in LUSAHC. Other wood pieces are cut to size in LAIR's old woodshop, she said.

Brickmann said she began her hobby while in college.

"I made plaques and took photos and gave them to people as Christmas presents," she said.

"After I was assigned here, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Hinote and I worked together in Nutrition Care and we would give plaques that I designed to various civilian employees of the dining facility."

For more information about Brickmann's services, call Capt. Bennetta King, Letterman Troop commander, at 561-4618.



Staff Sgt. Darlene E. Brickmann: "I put a lot of love into it."

Presidio Community Column

News briefs

State Primary dates

Here is the most recent series of state primary and special election dates. For additional information, contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

Colorado, Aug. 9; **Georgia**, July 19; **Kansas**, Aug. 2; **Michigan**, Aug. 2; **South Carolina**, Aug. 9; **Tennessee**, Aug. 4.

Multicultural event

A multicultural event with special emphasis on African and Native Americans takes place from noon until 4 p.m., July 21, at the Presidio Officers' Club. The keynote speaker at the buffet luncheon is Doris Ward, Assessor for the City and County of San Francisco. For information call Francisco DaCosta, Equal Opportunity Council member, at **556-0347**.

TASC closure info

The Bay Area Training Support Center moves from Building 603 here to Buildings 85 and 90 at Oakland Army Base, July 18. Because of the move, July 9 is the last day for shooting full length/portraits for processing by July 13. Any incoming work orders after July 11 will not be guaranteed for delivery until at least July 27. Beginning July 25, work orders will be accepted at Oakland Army Base on a limited basis. Due dates will be a minimum of seven working days until TASC is running at full capacity, August 1. August 3 is the first day of shooting full lengths/portraits at Oakland Army Base.

Best Ball golf tournament

The Presidio Sports Branch Best Ball Foursome golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at noon, July 28, at the Presidio Army Golf Course. The tournament is open to all active duty personnel and family members (19 years or older), DA civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco, and Army retirees on a space available basis residing within 50 miles of the Presidio of San Francisco. Entry deadline is July 27. Call the Sports Office at **561-4131/4120** for entry and fee information.

Charity dog walk

On August 21, the American Cancer society is offering dogs, dog owners, and dog lovers a chance to fight cancer at "Tails of the City." Tails of the City is a non-competitive one or two-and-a-half mile dog walk-a-thon at Crissy Field. The event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the walk beginning promptly at noon.

In addition to the walk, there will be entertainment and canine contests, such as owner/dog look-a-like contests, a dog fashion show, "canine crooning" contest, dog frisbee-catching and more. Each participant will receive a Tails of the City bandanna.

Funds raised will provide services to cancer patients and their families, education on early detection and prevention of cancer, and continued cancer research. Call the American Cancer Society at **394-7100** to obtain a registration form or for information.

AAFES holiday schedule

The Presidio AAFES facilities will operate on the following schedule Monday: **Main Store**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Furniture Store**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Burger King**, closed; **Service Station Retail and Gas Pumps**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Service Station Bays**, closed; **Shoppette**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; **Anthony's Pizza and Frank's Franks**, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Mall**, closed.

Emergency kits available

Emergency preparedness kits are now available at the Commissary. Each kit contains food and water (with a shelf life of five years) and a blanket and can sustain one person for up to three days.

New women's uniform

Women soldiers who are not satisfied with the fit and appearance of the women's service uniform will soon see some changes for the better, thanks to officials at Project Manager-Soldier and the Research, Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Mass.

Recent surveys revealed that soldiers approved of the new uniform after testing by several hundred soldiers with all body types.

Women can expect to see a more comfortable blouse, designed to be worn tucked inside the new slacks and skirt. The new blouse will be a standard issue item for recruits and added to the soldier's clothing bag. Women who prefer not to wear shirts tucked-in can choose a new optional-purchase overblouse which can be worn as an outer garment with the pants and skirt.

A new style of slacks that officials say "creates a more feminine, tailored look," will also be available. Another feature for the new slacks is the black belt, with gold buckle, and belt loops. Whether the women will use the men's belt or adopt a thinner belt is still under evaluation, officials said.

A new more feminine-looking oxford shoe which is reportedly as comfortable as any sports shoe -- yet as durable as the current oxford -- was also adopted. New designs for the skirt, purse and service maternity uniform are also under evaluation, officials said.

In related news, women recruits will get more money for undergarments beginning in fiscal 1996.

In fiscal 1994, women recruits received $116.63; the projected 1995 rate is $119.90. The acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness has approved increasing the allowance to $150 in 1996.

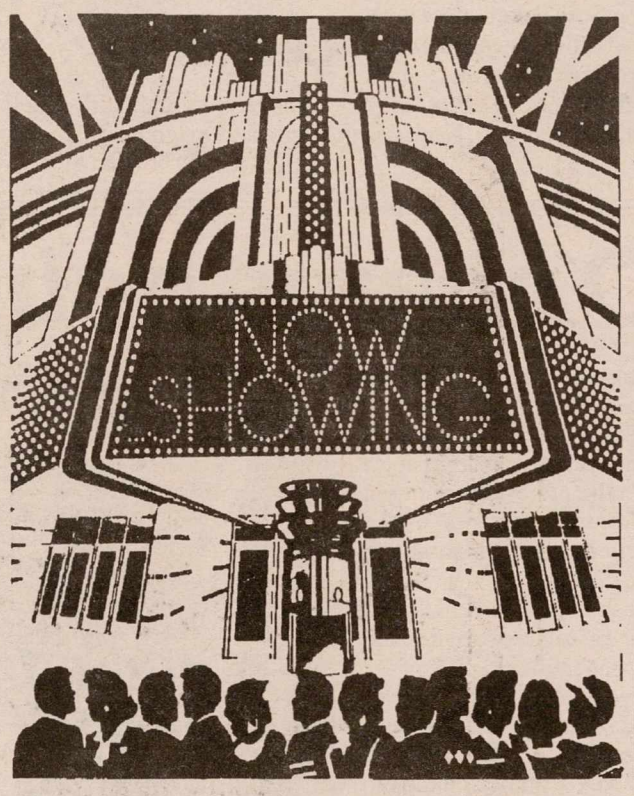
Prayer breakfast

The next gathering for the Men of the Chapel Prayer Breakfast is at 6:45 a.m., July 7, at the Religious Activity Center. Our guest speaker is William O'Donovan, a very active member of the Chapel. Please join us for a morning of fellowship and great food. This event is open to all active duty and retired military, DoD civilians and guests. RSVP to Staff Sgt. Ricks, **561-6013**.

Ed Center news

Soldiers and their families are exempt from out-of-state tuition at California colleges for one year from the date of their stationing orders. After that date, proof of residency may be required (e.g., driver's license, voter and car registration, tax returns or pay stubs).

Because of reduced staffing, the Presidio Education Center now conducts counseling services on an appointment basis. Counseling is required for in-processing, ETS out-processing, and approval to test, use tuition assistance or in-service GI Bill. Soldiers may make appointments by calling **561-4445/2974**. Walk-ins will be accommodated whenever possible.



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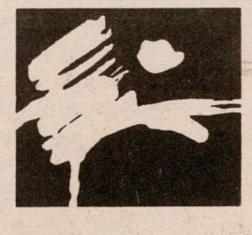

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Reserve component emergency call-up authority, active duty time may change

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Information Service

Pentagon officials asked Congress to give the secretary of defense authority to order as many as 25,000 reservists to active duty during emergencies.

They also want to extend active duty call-up time from 90 days with a possible 90-day extension to 180 days and a 180-day extension.

Current laws prohibit reservists from being ordered to active duty without a presidential declaration of a national emergency. The use of federal reserve troops for domestic missions is also prohibited by law. However, state governors often use National Guard troops for such missions.

Deborah Lee, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, recently told the House Armed Services Committee both requests are direct outgrowths of lessons learned from Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"We learned that in a brewing crisis it's critical to have the earliest access possible to a limited number of reservists," Lee told lawmakers. The difficulty with current law and procedures, she said, is the president must first address sensitive domestic and foreign policy concerns before deciding to activate Guard and Reserve units.

"For example," she said, "the president must consider the international impact of his statements and actions, confer with possible coalition partners and key neutral nations, coordinate with Congress and consider the possible implications of deploying military personnel overseas." Lee said this takes too much time -- weeks -- in an evolving crisis.

"Three weeks elapsed between the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the presidential decision to order the reserve components to active duty," she noted. "In short, massive improvisations and substitutions took place because we couldn't access the reserve component personnel needed in those early days.

"We don't want to rely on such improvisations in a future crisis, especially with smaller active forces," Lee said. Giving the secretary of defense authority to order reservists to active duty would fix that problem, she added.

The total force of the future will rely more on Guard and Reserve outfits. When the drawdown is over, more than 50 percent of the Army, for example, will be in the reserve components.

"Relying more on the reserves demands placing a premium on their readiness," Lee emphasized. "One of my highest priorities is mission readiness of the National Guard and Reserve forces. Whether we're talking about federal or state missions, all aspects of readiness -- especially our people -- will be the key to our success."

Another amendment to the law DoD requested concerns "post-mobilization train-up time" and fairness to reservists. Two major problems arose with the 90 plus 90-day authority during the Persian Gulf war, Lee noted: Army National Guard combat forces couldn't be relied on because it took a minimum of 90 days for the Army to get them ready, and reservists didn't know how long they'd be on active duty.

"Many planned on short tours of 90 days or less and wound up serving much longer," Lee said. "Their families and employers had to deal with an unexpected situation in the heat of the conflict. Our proposal to extend reserve activations to 180 plus 180 days would fix both problems."

Lee said actions must be taken to better protect reservists, their families and their employers.

"We need to ensure that the greater reliance being put on reserve personnel will not cause them undue hardships," Lee said. "DoD is redrafting its demobilization guidance to ensure reservists are not retained on active duty beyond the time their service is essential."

Lee said as the military restructures and downsizes "every effort is being made to take care of our people, to accommodate those who move into other positions and to provide transition benefits for those leaving the services. Our budget request fully funds these transition benefits for fiscal 1995, and we're applying them aggressively."

However, Lee is concerned about the effects of a media blitz harping on military downsizing and cutbacks, coupled with sharply reduced television advertising. She said this "has sent the wrong message to the public and left the impression that DoD is no longer hiring."

"Quite the contrary, there's a continuing need to attract individuals to reserve careers -- particularly those who have special skills," she emphasized. "The challenge for recruiters is to match skills and grades to accommodate specific unit needs in specific geographic locations."

There's some good news resulting from downsizing. The reserve components are capturing active component experience which minimizes training requirements, Lee noted.

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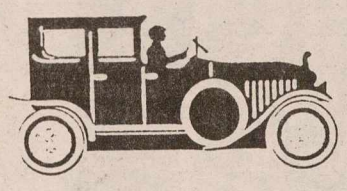

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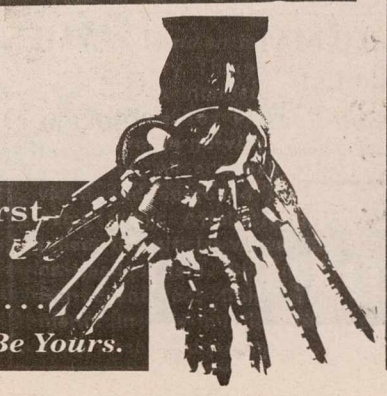

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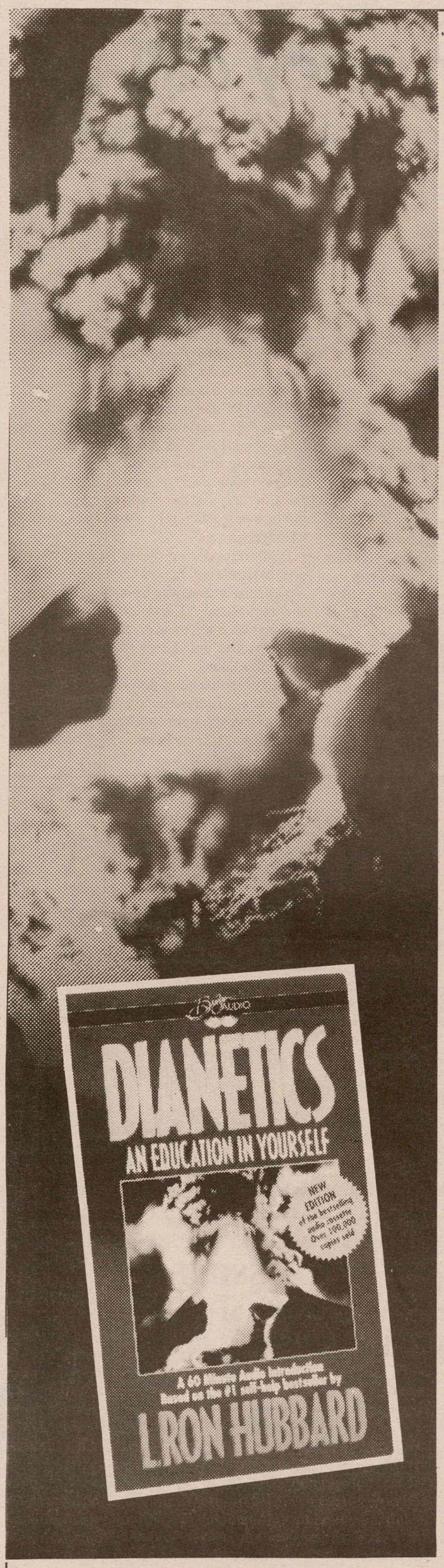

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Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

It all looks so good!

Employees of the Consolidated Dining Facility served an outdoor barbecue luncheon as their last meal, June 30.

Emergency medical services, new TRICARE claims procedures explained

By Capt. Shelley Wehry
Coordinated Care Division
Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic

The Acute Care Clinic at Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic closed June 1 as part of the transition process to a smaller clinic to provide health care to active duty personnel.

Residents of the Presidio need to familiarize themselves with civilian emergency rooms closest to the post so that, when faced with an emergency, they will know where to go. The closest emergency rooms are:

– California Pacific Medical Center, 3700 California Street, **750-6041**, and 2333 Buchanan Street, **563-4321**.

– St. Mary's Medical Center, 450 Stanyan Street, **668-1000**.

-- St. Francis Medical Center, 900 Hyde Street, **353-6000**.

-- VA Medical Center (for active duty personnel), 4150 Clement Street, **750-2052**.

Anyone can use these emergency rooms at any time for serious medical problems. Medical conditions such as chest pain, uncontrolled bleeding, loss of consciousness, change in level of consciousness (i.e., confusion or disorientation), broken bones penetrating the skin, suspected hip or pelvis fracture, neck or spine injury, severe headache or vomiting after a head injury, psychotic episodes, drug overdoses, etc., are emergencies. An ambulance may be called, **561-5656** on post or **911** off post, or a family member should drive the patient to the closest emergency room without delay.

The Army will pay the bills of active duty personnel; bills for family members will be cost-shared with CHAMPUS, with the cost varying depending on what program is being used.

TRICARE Prime patients pay $25 and must notify Aetna prior to going to the emergency room, if possible, or within 24 hours by calling **561-0660** during duty hours and **1-800-242-6788** after duty hours.

Standard CHAMPUS (TRICARE Standard) requires a deductible be met and patients' payment of 15 percent (if they use the emergency rooms listed above) or 20 percent (for emergency rooms that are not contracted with Aetna).

The National Park Service has paramedics who will respond to on-post emergency calls and are available 24 hours a day. Currently, the Park Service has no plans to charge patients for responding to a call. If your condition requires a visit to an emergency room, ask whether it is serious enough to go by ambulance or if someone can drive you there immediately. Again, use of a civilian ambulance for transfer to a civilian emergency room will be cost-shared by the family member and CHAMPUS if the patient's condition does not allow the use of regular private transportation such as a car, taxi or bus. The Army will pay for active duty personnel.

Those family members who have primary care managers should call their doctor's office if they need medical attention and are not sure what to do. All physicians have answering services after hours. Leave your name and phone number with the person who answers and they will notify the doctor, who will then call and let you know what to do. If you do not have a personal physician, call a local emergency room or the Health Care Finder (24-hour number) at **1-800-242-6788** for advice.

If you are pregnant and under the care of an obstetrician, you should call him/her for instructions if you have any problems, injuries or illnesses .

Please do not let the fact that you may have a cost-share delay you or a loved one from seeking needed medical attention. Think about what you would do if you were on vacation or on leave at a relative's home. Would you call an ambulance or drive to a local emergency room? Your answer should be the same for wherever you are, even at home.

The Patient Service Center at Letterman is still operational, with two people who will continue to coordinate health care benefits for all beneficiaries. The staff are available during clinic hours to answer questions and address concerns. They are also available to do unit, organizational and/or community briefings. You may contact the Patient Service Center at **561-4509**.

Specialty care

In an effort to provide additional medical specialty services to active duty personnel and their family members, Letterman has arranged with Aetna to continue "resource sharing." Resource sharing is the program where civilian specialty physicians see active duty and CHAMPUS-eligible patients in a military facility. The specialties that have remained are podiatry, dermatology, physical medicine, and mental health. These services are available Monday through Friday, with hours varying by provider.

Active duty personnel must obtain a referral from a primary care physician at Letterman before scheduling an appointment in the above-listed specialties. You may do this by scheduling an appointment with primary care (phone **561-5324**) or by seeing a physician on sick call. Once you receive the referral, you need to take it to the Patient Service Center for approval of the initial visit. All follow-up visits will be approved by the California Medical Detachment (CMD). Beau DeFehr, the receptionist for resource sharing providers, will coordinate this for you. Once the visit is approved, DeFehr will call you to arrange the follow-up approval. Seeing a specialty civilian provider without prior approval may result in the soldier paying the bill, except in emergency cases.

TRICARE Prime patients who have a civilian primary care manager (PCM) must obtain a referral from that physician prior to scheduling an appointment with a specialty provider. You may get this referral by seeing your PCM by phoning his/her office. If you obtain the referral by visiting your doctor, his/her office should obtain authorization for the visit from the CHAMPUS Service Center. If you obtain the referral by phone, you may have to visit the CHAMPUS Service Center to get authorization. Follow-up visits must be approved prior to scheduling the appointment; this will be coordinated for you.

TRICARE Prime patients who still have Letterman as their PCM (those who are leaving the Presidio by Sept. 30 ONLY) may contact the CHAMPUS Service Center Health Care Finder, or DeFehr, who will coordinate the authorization for you. Follow-up visits must be approved prior to scheduling the appointment; again, this will be coordinated for you.

TRICARE Standard (Standard CHAMPUS) patients who would like to see a specialty provider at Letterman may call for an appointment. DeFehr will coordinate the authorization for you. He will also coordinate further authorization for follow-up

See *LUSAH*, page 7

Ask the Commander

Questions about PX, club answered

By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

I hope everyone had a happy and safe July 4th weekend. It's time once again to answer your questions and concerns.

Robert Desantis, office administrator for the Main Post Chapel, asked, "What is being planned for a base closure ceremony or ceremonies? A lot of people, on and off base, are interested." There will be a ceremony Sept. 16, planned to coincide with the Presidio's 218th birthday on Sept. 17, that covers the post's entire history from 1775 to the present.

We also hope to have soldiers in historical, period uniforms to add color to the event. In addition, there will be a ceremony toward the end of September, during which the Presidio will be officially handed over to the National Park Service.

Maria Taylor, contract quality control officer for Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic wants to know whether "the Garrison Commander would like to use LUSAHC's janitorial services to help with the post's transition. We're here to serve." The Garrison's janitorial services are provided on a contractual basis with Ultra Janitorial through Sept. 30 of this year. The follow-on action to continue custodial services past that date has been forwarded to Fort Lewis' Directorate of Contracting, as they assumed responsibility for procurement support of Sixth U.S. Army on July 1. But thanks for the offer -- it's typical of the type of teamwork that will make our last few months a success.

Robert Icard, sales associate at the Post Exchange, inquired, "When will we (employees) get a definite answer on the PX's closure? Many of us are working here on a temporary basis." Well, as I've mentioned before in this column, at this time the PX is scheduled to remain open. If anything should change in that regard, I'll let you know right away.

Spc. Alvino Reyna, administrative clerk for Sixth U.S. Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management, asked, "Why does the Officers' Club want enlisted soldiers to pay $7 per month for its use?" For complete information on the new All Rank's Club, including a complete breakdown of the fee structure, I would like to refer you to the related story in this issue of the *Star Presidian*.

Finally, several soldiers wanted to know whether "the cleaning service in the PX Mall will lower its prices to the level of the Quartermaster Laundry service now that quartermaster service has been eliminated. Their service cleaned four sets of BDUs and two short-sleeved shirts for $6.70." Unfortunately, the answer to this question is no, the dry cleaning prices will not be lowered at this time. The dry cleaners in the PX Mall are contractors with AAFES, and they have set their prices to cover overhead and other expenses in addition to earning a profit. So, for now at least, the prices will remain the same at the PX dry cleaning facility.

New community club serves all ranks

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Officers' Club has a new name and a new image. It is now the Presidio Community Club and is open to all active duty Army members. The all ranks Community Club will fill the void left by the closing of the Golden Gate Community Club/Enlisted Club on post. The club will also offer new operating hours and continue to cater to the needs of officers and retirees.

"We welcome everyone to come out and try us," Jane Fredericks, PCC business manager, said. The PCC is extending an introductory offer to the post's enlisted soldiers to familiarize them with the facility's services and operations.

Applicants will get temporary membership cards at the club to be used until August. Afterward, applicants will receive permanent membership cards. Monthly memberships are $3 for soldiers in pay grades E1 through E4, $5 for E5 and E6 and $7 for E7 through E9. Club members receive reduced prices and discounts on meals and catering.

Among the activities offered by the club are the buffet lunch Tuesday through Saturday, the Saturday night dinner dance with live music possible, a Spaghetti Feed every other Thursday (children 12 years of age and younger and accompanied by a valid card holder get to eat free), and a Champagne Sunday Brunch.

The bar will open at 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and at noon Saturday. Members also receive reduced prices on catering menus. The Attic is available for parties, and club members receive check cashing privileges.

Below is the Presidio Community Club's new schedule.

Services	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Holiday
Check Cashing	CLOSED	10a.m. to 2p.m.	10a.m. to 2p.m.	10a.m. to 2p.m.	10a.m. to 2p.m.	10a.m. to 8p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Main Bar	CLOSED	4 to 9p.m.	4 to 9p.m.	4 to 9p.m.	4 to 10p.m.	Noon to 10p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Attic Lounge	CLOSED	Available for parties	Available for parties	Available for parties	Available for parties	Available for parties	Available for parties	CLOSED
Buffet Luncheon	CLOSED	11a.m. to 1p.m.	11a.m. to 1p.m.	11a.m. to 1p.m.	11a.m. to 1p.m.	11a.m. to 1p.m.	10a.m. to 2p.m.	CLOSED
Dining Room	CLOSED	Bar Menu 5 to 8p.m.	Bar Menu 5 to 8p.m.	Family Buffet 5 to 8p.m.	Bar Menu 5 to 8p.m.	Fine Dining 6 to 9p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Catering Office	CLOSED	10a.m. to 4:30p.m.	10a.m. to 4:30p.m.	10a.m. to 4:30p.m.	10a.m. to 4:30p.m.	10a.m. to 4:30p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED

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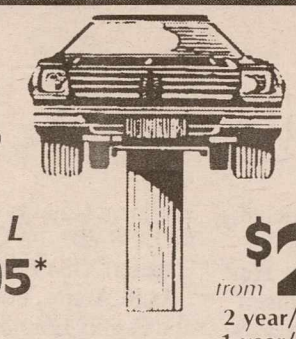

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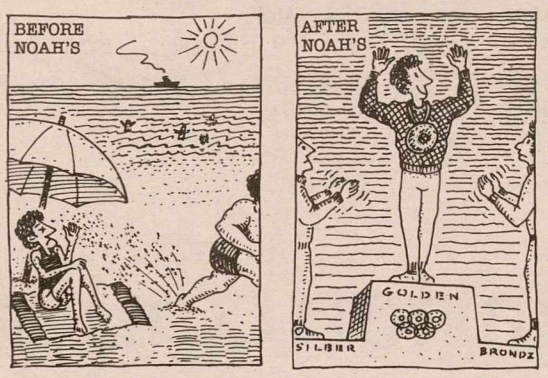

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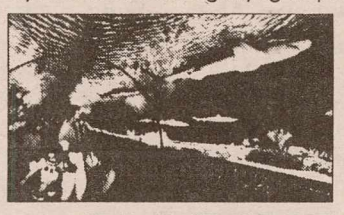

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Transition column

Jobs available through Outplacement Office

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here is the latest list of vacancies, provided by the Outplacement Office. For information about applications, closing dates, etc., call Deitra Greene at **561-2430**.

U.S. Department of Labor, San Francisco: Office Automation Clerk, GS-0326-03; Contract Representative (Office Automation).

U.S. Mint, San Francisco: Weighing Supervisor, WG-5424-04.

Navy Public Works Center, San Francisco Bay: Multiple vacancies within the Bay Area (in one announcement).

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, Calif.: Program Assistant (Office Automation), GS-303-6.

U.S. Department of Justice, San Francisco: Legal Technician, GS-986-5/6/7.

U.S. Department of Labor, Pasadena, Calif.: Auditor, GS-0511-12.

Goodwill Industries, San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties: Multiple vacancies (in one announcement).

Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco: Secretary (Typing), GS-318-5; Housekeeping Aid, WG-3566-1.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Pleasant Hill, Calif.: Personnel Assistant (OA), GS-203-6; Local Telephone Operator, GS-382-5; Fiscal Accounts Clerk (Typing), GS-503-6.

Office of Personnel Management announcement on behalf of Department of Veterans Affairs, Palo Alto, Calif.: Pharmacy Technician, GS-661-5.

Office of Personnel Management announcement on behalf of Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, San Francisco: Program Specialist, GS-301-11.

Civilian Personnel Office, Fort Lewis, Wash.: Supply Technician (Typing), GS-2005-5; Fire Chief, GS-081-13.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.: Computer Specialist, GS-334-12; Trade Specialist, GS-140-7/9/11/12; Supervisory Accounting Technician, GS-525-7/8.

Exploratorium, San Francisco: Human Resources Administrator, Administrative Coordinator (Finance, Facilities & Human Resources), Finance Specialist (Retail Operations).

General Services Administration, California and outlying states: Multiple vacancies (in one announcement).

General Services Administration, Auburn, Wash.: Supervisory General Supply Specialist, GS-2001-9.

General Services Administration, Bell, Calif.: Quality Assurance Specialist, GS-1910-7/9/11.

County of Napa, Calif.: Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist.

U.S. Naval Station, Everett, Wash.: Civil Engineer, GS-810-11.

Bay Area Community Services, Inc.: Volunteer Manager/Outreach Coordinator.

U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service: Biological Science Technician, GS-404-5; Biologist (Integrated Pest Management), GS-0401-11; General Engineer (Energy Conservation Coordinator), GS-801-11/12; Lead Firefighter (Fire Captain), GS-0081-7.

U.S. Army, Fort Polk, La.: Volunteer and Family Employment Coordinator, GS-301-9.

U.S. Army, Fort Clayton, Panama: Budget Analyst (DA Intern), NM-560-5, Developmental 9.

U.S. Army, Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, Calif.: Health Systems Specialist, GS-671-11.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.: Personal Systems Center Manager, GS-301-11/12.

State of Nevada: Accounting Specialist, Correctional Officer/Correctional Officer Trainee.

University of California, San Francisco: Administrative Assistant I, Senior Administrative Analyst, Principal Administrative Analyst, Staff Research Associate I.

State of Oregon, Klamath Falls Job Demand List: Multiple vacancies (in one announcement).

Delta Dental Plan changes announced

The Defense Department's Active-Duty Dependents Dental Plan will increase its monthly premiums on Oct. 1. The increase will be assessed beginning with the September 1994 payroll deduction for active-duty military sponsors.

The new premiums will be $10 for one enrolled active-duty family member and $20 for active-duty sponsors with two or more enrolled family members. The increases are 35 cents and 70 cents respectively.

The premium increase is the first in more than a year-and-a-half. The government, which picks up 60 percent of the total costs of the plan for enrolled families, will pay a larger portion of the overall premium increase.

Active-duty military sponsors will see the premium increase reflected in their September 1994 Leave and Earnings Statements. Families who are signed up for the plan by their military sponsors on or after Sept. 1 will be enrolled at the higher premium.

The Active-Duty Dependents Dental Plan covers the full diagnostic services (exams, cleanings, x-rays), and 80 percent of basic restorative procedures (such as fillings) and sealants. It pays 60 percent of the costs of more complex services, such as endodontics (root canals), periodontics (gum surgery), and oral surgery (extractions, etc.). The plan pays 50 percent of the costs of prosthodontics (crowns, dentures and bridges) and orthodontics (braces for family members through age 18). Coverage is subject to certain limitations.

Families who go to one of the 117,000-plus dental offices nationwide that participate in the Active-Duty Dependents Dental Plan won't be charged more than the required co-payment (if any) for services covered by the plan. These dentists will be paid directly by DDP*Delta, the contractor which operates the program for the government. Family members may also be treated by any licensed dentist of their choice -- but they may be charged more for the care and may have to file the claims with DDP*Delta themselves.

For more information about the Active-Duty Dependents Dental Plan, see the Health Benefits Advisor at your nearest military medical facility, or call DDP*Delta at **(916) 381-9368**.

(Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services)

Public Works

Paving, water meter installation contracts

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Ransome Paving is still repairing and paving roads on the Presidio. They are currently working in the 700 and 800 housing areas. Signs and notices will be posted regarding parking restrictions and traffic flow.

Paris Heating is finishing their heating inspections in the 700 and 800 areas and is moving on to the 1500 area. Notices are being posted to the residents. If there is a conflict with an individual scheduled time, contact me at **561-3711**.

The latest Bay Pacific Pipeline work schedule is as follows:

July 11 through 29: Meter installation in **Wherry housing area (1500 area)**. There will be intermittent water outages as meters are installed. Occupants will be notified when their particular building is affected.

July 25 through August 15: Water main installation at **East Crissy Field**. This is the DPW area. No water outages are scheduled at this time.

July 25 through 29: Water main pressure test at the **Main Parade Ground**. No water outages are planned at this time; the contractor will be inspecting and testing the line.

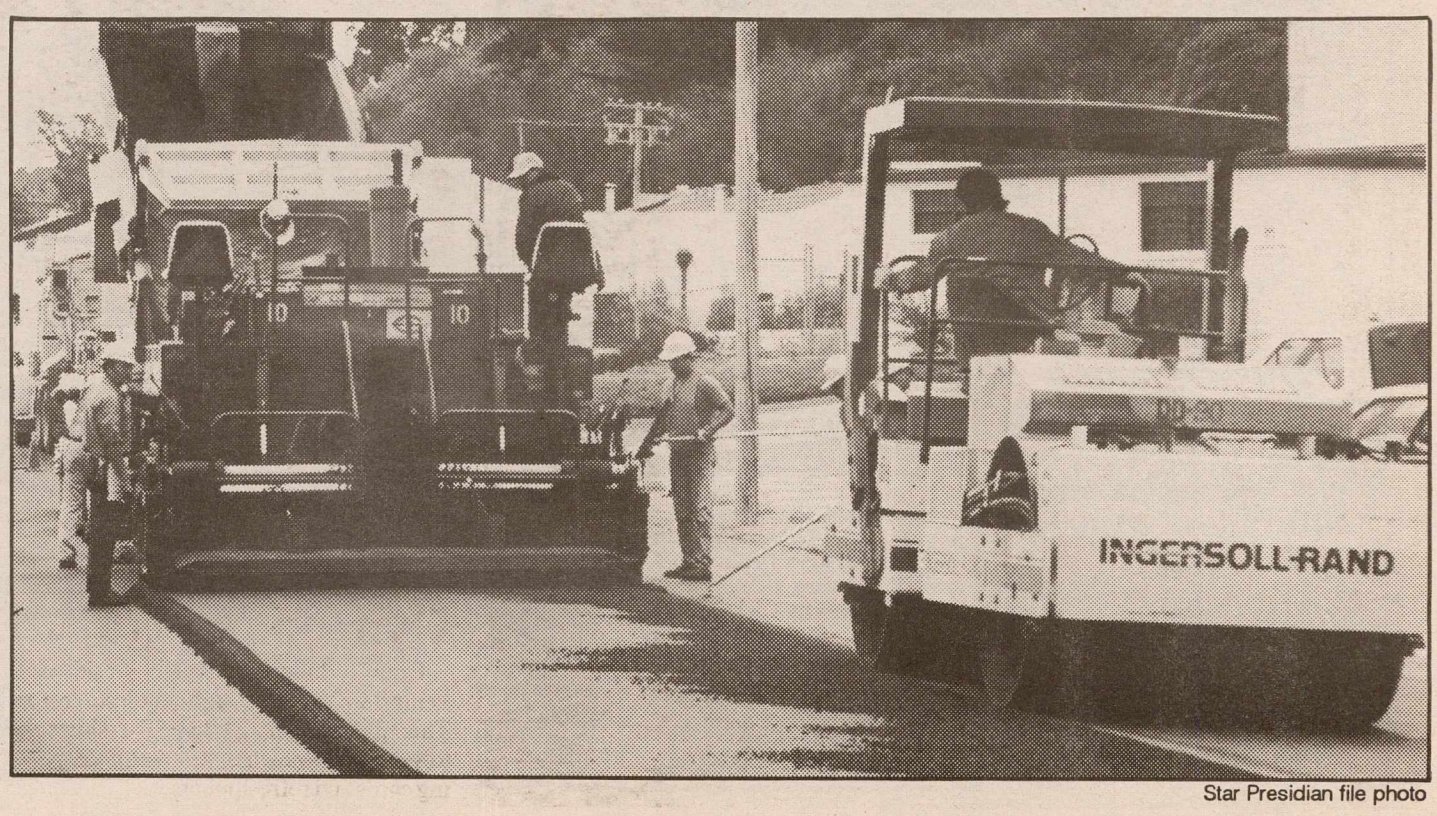
The following people were honored at an awards ceremony held in the DPW Preventive Maintenance Shop, June 30. Awards were presented by Col. Frank Janecek.

Performance Awards: Ralph Alexander, Floriberto Alvares, Foster Cope, Gary Gainey, Edgar Goncalves, Gilbert Hendley, Viola Jefferson, Raymond Keifer, Lee LaCaze, Steven Lethio, Stanley Lunskis, Richard Mangold, Ferdinand Munar, Michael McGough, James Newell, Zenaida Rebollido, David Shuman, Enoch Villanueva, Robert Wilson.

Special Act: Elizabeth Nurre.

On-The-Spot: Michael Halloran, Luzon Ramos.

IMPORTANT: Beginning today, all service orders for non-National Park Service quarters residents, Sixth U.S. Army administrative buildings, U.S. Army Garrison and tenant activities will be completed by Navy Public Works. A service order may be requested by contacting 556-3643. If you have any questions, please contact me at 561-3711.



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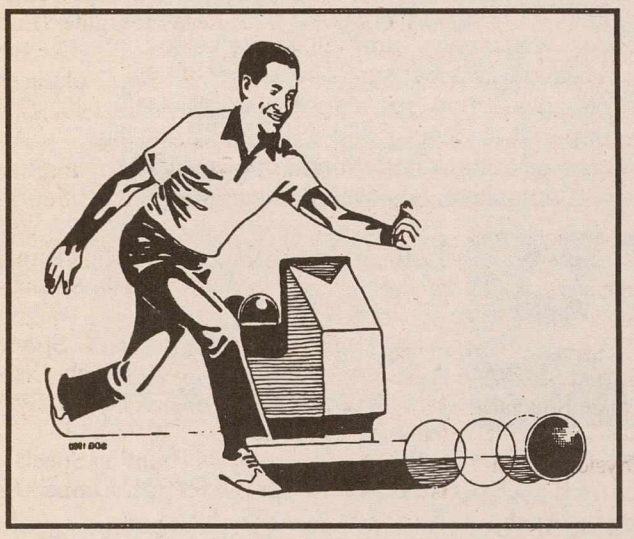
Bowling

Leagues feature ties, competitive bowlers



Reno League

Four teams are battling for third place in week seven with 15-13 records. Most of the week's 200 bowlers came from one of the teams wrapped in the four-way tie.

Of the four teams, the Pai Gow Pokers have tallied the most pins to date, knocking down 15,516. The first and second place teams have each knocked down fewer pins.

Val Camacho, of 15-13 Seven/Eleven, was one of the stars of the week after leading all women bowlers with a 204 game and 540 series. The 540 series score is the third highest among the league's women in the high series scratch category.

Felix Mallorca, of Active and Retirees, was the other star. Mallorca recorded games of 243 and 211 and a 633 series. His 243 score placed Mallorca second in the list for high game sctratch scores for the season.

Other 200 bowlers for week seven included: Ed Pulanco, roving sub, 256; Don Banks, Strokers, 225; Bud Fleming, Pai Gow Pokers, 219; and Tony Nelson, Strokers, 205.

Standings after 28 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. Family Affair 17-11; 15,023
2. Strokers 16-12; 15,366
3. Pai Gow Pokers 15-13; 15,516
4. Seven/Eleven 15-13; 15,465
5. Four Tops 15-13; 15,149
6. The 4 Rollers 15-13, 13,351
7. Active & Retirees 12-16, 13,434

Intramural Summer League

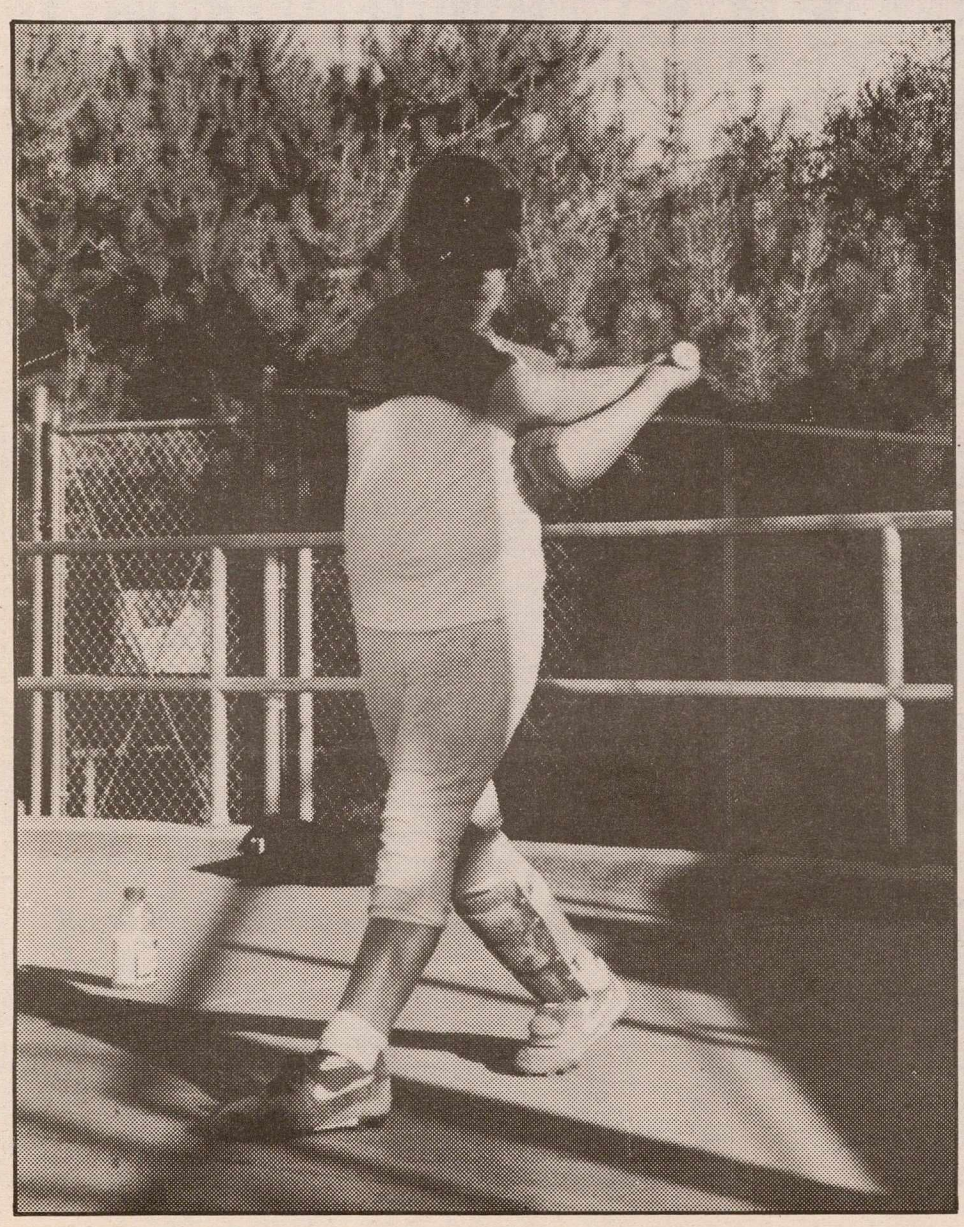
Rick Comacho did his part to help Readiness Group-PSF pad its lead over the rest of the teams in the league. Comacho bowled a 265 game for a league high this season and tallied a 636 scratch series, another league high. Rod Cabugo of ORE bowled 223.

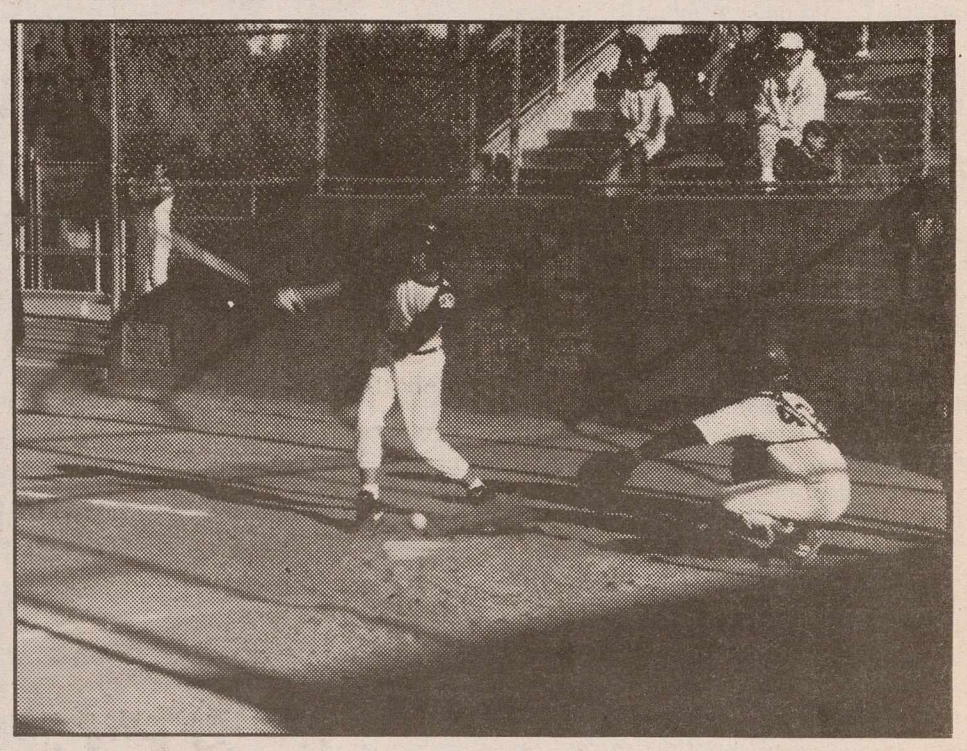
Meanwhile, Pat Jordan of ORE #1 found herself in second place in the league's individual high series scratch category after rolling a 497 series. Barbara Bagley has been leading the women so far this season with her 509 series score.

Standings after 28 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. RG-PSF 25-3; 11,934
2. CMD GRP 19-9; 11,795
3. RTD 17-11; 11,334
4. CRD Sports 15.5-12.5; 11,542
5. ORE #I 13-15; 11,441
6. ORE #2 12-16; 11,1115
7. ORE 8.5-19.5; 8,177

Presidio Rangers stopped in title game

Never giving up, the Pacific Division 4 champion Presidio of San Francisco Rangers were beaten by the Atlantic Division champion Renegades June 23 in the City League title game in West Sunset Park. Right, the Rangers include, (kneeling) Grant Davis, Ariel Miller, Marva Morrow, Edwin Pulanco, Robbi Lewis, Steve Brutscher, Jonathon Estrada, Johnny Adkins, Jimmy Jackson, Randy *O'Briant;* (standing) Coach Bill Boehm, Rian Gasparovic and Coach Andy Gasparovic. Below left, Johathon Estrada limbers up before facing the Renegade's pitcher. Below right, Jimmy Jackson fends off a bad pitch.





Gym II closes

Post Gym #II, Building 1152, is closed. It will be transferred to the National Park Service. Patrons may continue to use Gym #I, Building 63, seven days a week to keep fit and healthy. For more information call **561-4131**.

Gym souvenirs

Gym #I, Building 63, offers Presidio souvenir items at the equipment issue room. There is a sale on certain PSF T-shirts and towels. Also available are sweatshirts, greeting cards and refreshments.

Golf tournament

A best ball foursome golf tournament will start at noon, July 28, on the Presidio Army Golf Course. The tournament is sponsored by the Sports Branch, Community Recreation Division. Team entry fees are $50 or $12 for an individual entry.

The tournament is open to all active duty personnel, family members aged 19 years and older, Department of the Army civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio, Army retirees, or on a space available basis. For more information, call **561-4131**.

Presidio Community Column

News briefs

Emergency kits available

Emergency preparedness kits are now available at the Commissary. Each kit contains food and water (with a shelf life of five years) and a blanket and can sustain one person for up to three days.

Women's uniform changes

Women soldiers who are not satisfied with the fit and appearance of the women's service uniform will soon see some changes for the better, thanks to officials at Project Manager-Soldier and the Research, Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Mass.

Recent surveys revealed that soldiers approved of the new uniform after testing by several hundred soldiers with all body types.

Women can expect to see a more comfortable blouse, designed to be worn tucked inside the new slacks and skirt. The new blouse will be a standard issue item for recruits and added to the soldier's clothing bag. Women who prefer not to wear shirts tucked-in can choose a new optional-purchase overblouse which can be worn as an outer garment with the pants and skirt.

A new style of slacks that officials say "creates a more feminine, tailored look," will also be available. Another feature for the new slacks is the black belt, with gold buckle, and belt loops. Whether the women will use the men's belt or adopt a thinner belt is still under evaluation, officials said.

A new more feminine-looking oxford shoe which is reportedly as comfortable as any sports shoe -- yet as durable as the current oxford -- was also adopted. New designs for the skirt, purse and service maternity uniform are also under evaluation, officials said.

In related news, women recruits will get more money for undergarments beginning in fiscal year 1996.

In fiscal year 1994, women recruits received $116.63; the projected 1995 rate is $119.90. The acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness has approved increasing the allowance to $150 in 1996.

Ed Center news

Soldiers and their families are exempt from out-of-state tuition at California colleges for one year from the date of their stationing orders. After that date, proof of residency may be required (e.g., driver's license, voter and car registration, tax returns or pay stubs).

Because of reduced staffing, the Presidio Education Center now conducts counseling services on an appointment basis. Counseling is required for in-processing, ETS out-processing, and approval to test, use tuition assistance or in-service GI Bill. Soldiers may make appointments by calling **561-4445/2974**. Walk-ins will be accommodated whenever possible.

TSC Closure info

The Bay Area Training Support Center moves from Building 603 here to Buildings 85 and 90 at Oakland Army Base, July 18. Because of the move, tomorrow is the last day for shooting full length/portraits by July 13. Any incoming work orders after Monday will not be guaranteed for delivery until at least July 27. Beginning July 25, work orders will be accepted at Oakland Army Base on a limited basis. Due dates will be a minimum of seven working days until TSC is running at full capacity, August 1. August 3 is the first day of shooting full lengths/portraits at Oakland Army Base.

Best Ball golf tournament

The Presidio Sports Branch Best Ball Foursome golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at noon, July 28, at the Presidio Army Golf Course. The tournament is open to all active duty personnel and family members (19 years or older), DA civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco, and Army retirees on a space available basis residing within 50 miles of the Presidio of San Francisco. Entry deadline is July 27. Call the Sports Office at **561-4131/4020** for entry and fee information.

Multicultural event

A multicultural event with special emphasis on African and Native Americans takes place from noon until 4 p.m., July 21, at the Presidio Officers' Club. The keynote speaker at the buffet luncheon is Doris Ward, Assessor for the City and County of San Francisco. For information call Francisco DaCosta, Equal Opportunity Council member, at **556-0347**.

Charity dog walk

On August 21, the American Cancer Society is offering dogs, dog owners, and dog lovers a chance to fight cancer at "Tails of the City." Tails of the City is a non-competitive, one- or two-and-a-half mile dog walk-a-thon at Crissy Field. The event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the walk beginning promptly at noon.

In addition to the walk, there will be entertainment and canine contests, such as owner/dog look-alike contests, a dog fashion show, "canine crooning" contest, dog frisbee-catching and more. Each participant will receive a Tails of the City bandanna.

Funds raised will provide services to cancer patients and their families, education on early detection and prevention of cancer, and continued cancer research. Call the American Cancer Society at **394-7100** to obtain a registration form or for information.

Newspaper news

As you undoubtedly noticed last week, the *Star Presidian* is now eight pages long, instead of 16. What does this mean to you, the reader? You will see essential transition and closure information, as usual, but the newspaper staff will not be able to cover many of the events you have seen on these pages in the past. We will also be unable to cover promotion, award and retirement ceremonies, as we simply do not have the space any more. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

On-post events

The Bay Area Orienteering Club will be on post Sunday for their annual event. Participants will be looking for map points all over the Presidio. Housing areas that may be affected include Kobbe Avenue, El Polin Loop, Washington Boulevard and Funston Avenue.

The bicycle portion of the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon, July 16, will affect both the Presidio of San Francisco and Fort Baker, beginning at approximately 7:30 a.m. Bicyclists will be using Mason Street, Crissy Field Avenue, McDowell Avenue, Cowles Street, Lincoln Boulevard, Battery East road, Conzelman Drive and Horseshoe Cove. The grassy area between the Coast Guard Station and Yacht Club is the bike/run transition area and the finish line. In addition, the parking lot near the Fort Baker Parade Ground will be used for parking.

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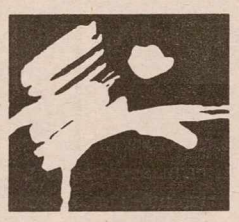

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Active duty claims

Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic will soon be under the command of the CMD of Presidio of Monterey, Calif. CMD has already taken over billing responsibilities for active duty soldiers.

When active duty patients are referred out for civilian care, they must be given a DD 2161, Referral for Civilian Care, by the referring doctor. The patient then brings this form to the Patient Service Center for approval. The staff will put the address of the CMD on the form so that the civilian provider will know where to send the bill. The bill should then be sent to CMD, where it is processed for payment.

If you receive a bill for medical services, please bring it in to the Patient Service Center at Letterman. The staff can coordinate payment with CMD.

TRICARE Prime claims

TRICARE Prime patients should not receive medical bills from providers, because the network providers process your claims for you. The only information you should receive is an explanation of benefits, stating the date you saw the provider, how much he/she billed, what was not allowed, and what was allowed. You are not responsible for the charges not allowed. The provider knows that when they contracted with Aetna, they would only receive a percentage of the billed charges. Sometimes, the explanation of benefits will say that the amount paid to the provider was zero. In this case, contact the CHAMPUS Service Center so that they can resolve this issue for you.

If you are admitted to the hospital or use an emergency room, most of your bills will be processed for you. All the providers who care for you in these cases may not be in the Aetna network, so you might receive the bill. If this should happen, bring the bills in to the CHAMPUS Service Center so the staff can submit the claim for you.

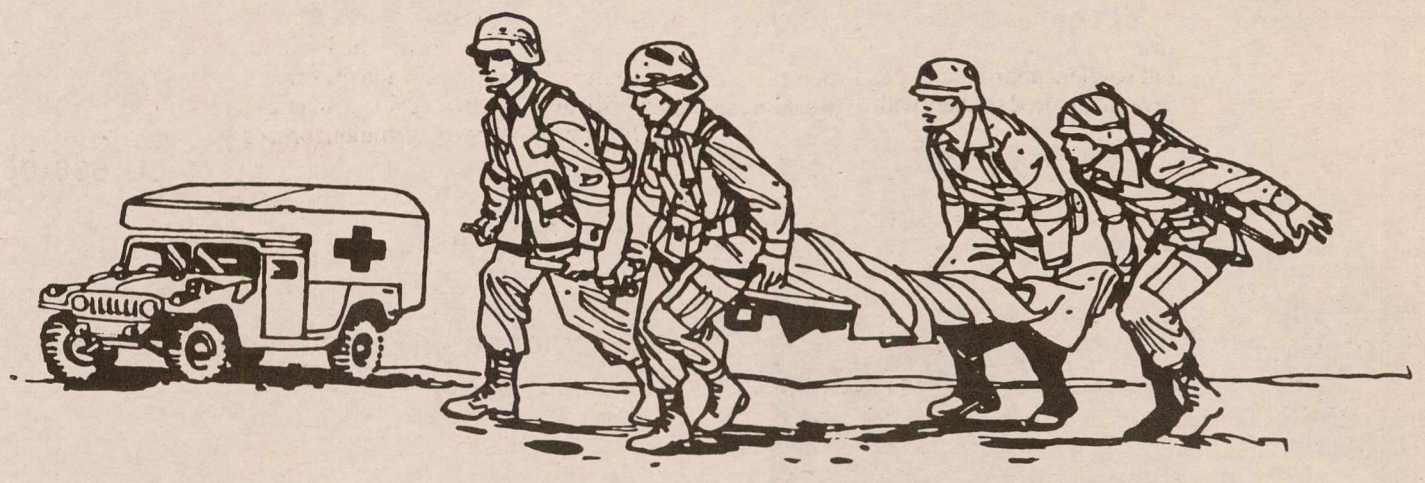
Read your member handbook, available at the CHAMPUS Service Center if you don't already have one, to know your co-payment responsibilities. If you are billed beyond those charges, consult the CHAMPUS Service Center, because it is probably a mistake.

Remember, if you use an emergency room at home or on vacation or are admitted to the hospital unexpectedly, call the 800 number on the back of your TRICARE Prime card within 24-hours for authorization.

TRICARE Standard/Extra

TRICARE Standard (Standard CHAMPUS) patients probably are used to receiving bills for medical services. If you have questions about filing a claim, please contact the Health Benefits Advisor at Letterman by calling **561-4509**. If you feel that a claim was settled incorrectly, the HBA can assist you with finding the explanation.

If you use a provider who is in the Aetna TRICARE Prime network, this is called TRICARE Extra. Your co-payment will be reduced by five percent, and the claim should be filed for you. If you have billing problems using one of these providers, the CHAMPUS Service Center Staff can assist you.



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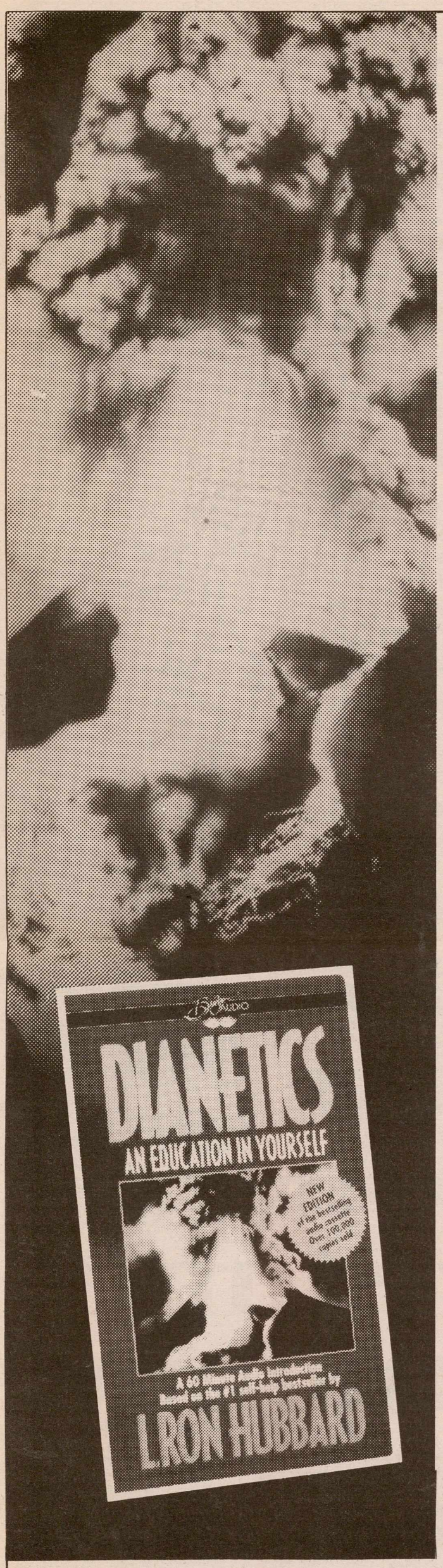

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Maj. Gen. Jan P. Wepster, Deputy Commander for Reserve Components, was honored at a recent farewell ceremony. The infantry officer received numerous accolades for his hard work and leadership.

Wepster honored in special 'farewell ceremony' after three years at Sixth Army

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

"Jan Wepster is the complete reserve component general officer . . . he is a knowledgeable and confident leader who enforces the 'one Army' standard."

Those were just a few of the accolades delivered by Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army commander, at a farewell ceremony for Maj. Gen. Jan P. Wepster.

Wepster served as Mallory's Deputy Commander for Reserve Components from his appointment on Aug. 15, 1991. He was responsible for administering training and mobilization readiness programs for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve within the 12-state Sixth U.S. Army area.

During his time at Sixth U.S. Army, Wepster saw many changes in the way the training and readiness mission was accomplished in the Reserve Components. Wepster felt the Operational Readiness and Evaluation teams were big assets for getting reserve units to train to standard. He also named the model Regional Training Brigade, focused on improving readiness in combat arms and combat support, as one of the "right things" the Army was doing where training to standard was concerned.

"His leadership has reaped tremendous success in preparing our Reserve forces to take their rightful place in America's 'seamless' Army," Mallory said. "Jan Wepster has been the kind of leader that Gen. Omar Bradley had in mind when he said, 'Leadership in a democratic Army means firmness, not harshness; understanding, not weakness; justice, not license; humaneness, not intolerance; generosity, not selfishness; pride, not egotism.' These are the qualities that he epitomizes."

An infantry officer, Wepster was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1963. After serving two years in the active Army, he joined the Oregon Army National Guard and was assigned to the 41st Infantry Brigade. In his career, Wepster has held every command position from company through brigade commander, assuming the latter position in Nov. 1985.

Wepster also has held a variety of other positions, including battalion executive officer and deputy brigade commander. From Sept. 1988 to Oct. 1989, Wepster served as assistant Adjutant General for the Oregon Army National Guard.

Wepster has received numerous decorations and awards during his career, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Ranger Tab and Parachutist's Badge.

Wepster is the owner of Wepster Orchard and Nursery in Sheridan, Ore. He cultivates hazelnuts, plums and prunes; the nursery sells hazelnuts and walnut trees. Wepster, a member of the Yamhill County Boy Scout Council and President of the Rotary Club, lives in Sheridan with his wife, Linda.

SF Zoo

Animal kingdom given newer, brighter stage

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

Lions, three kinds of tigers and three species of bears — oh my!

These are just some of the stars of the San Francisco Zoo, located south of East Sloat Boulevard, between the Great Highway and Skyline Boulevard. Free parking is located on the street by the zoo entrance.

The zoo's layout provides for a leisurely, uncrowded stroll from one display to another. Along the way visitors can't help but notice the thousands of varieties of plant life blooming throughuout the grounds. Groundskeeping is cared for by a staff of four. All displays are accessible by stroller and wheelchair.

The San Francisco Zoo features a Barnyard Petting Zoo, an Animal Nursery, nature trail and Insect Zoo. All of these are located within the boundaries of the Childrens's Zoo which is just a short walk from the main entrance.

Penguin Island is located in the middle of the zoo's grounds and features Magellanic penguins which play outdoors in a 200-feet pool. Here, more than 50 penguins have become quite comfortable with San Francisco's weather. They form the most successful breeding colony in the zoo world.

Among the bigger attractions are the settings designed for the bears, tigers and gorillas.

The zoo has three species of tiger — previously, I knew of only two. The displays include white tigers, Malaysian tigers and Siberian tigers. The white tigers are actually Bengal tigers that carry a recessive gene. White tigers that mate with yellow tigers create yellow offspring that carry the recessive gene. If one of the offspring mates with another white tiger there is a 50 percent chance of having a white tiger cub. If a white tiger mates with another white tiger, the offspring will also be white tigers.

Nearby are more displays of big cats from around the world. These include jaguars from South America, pumas, lions and African Wild Cats. African Wild Cats look similar to the tabbies that roam certain neighborhoods, but these cats live in the wild and are not tame by any stretch of the imagination.

The Feline Conservation Center will open this Autumn. The 20,000 square feet area will be the new home for the zoo's Persian, snow and black leopards, puma, jungle cats and jaguar. It will also be used as a breeding facility for rare and endangered small cats. In turn, all of the existing row cages housing the zoo's small cats will be demolished.

After the Conservation Center opens, the zoo will begin construciton of the Leopards of Asia exhibit. Once the exhibit is completed, the leopards will be moved there.

Another worthwhile stop on the zoo tour is the Primate Discovery Center. The Discovery Center houses many species of primates, large and small. There is plenty of space to allow each species to roam freely, yet protective glass is strategically placed to protect the primates while allowing a number of unobstructed views of each habitat.

Of course any trip to a zoo would not be complete without viewing the resident apes. Chimpanzees, orangutans and siamangs are housed in open air sanctuaries near the Primate Discovery Center. These areas allow visitors to capture a three-dimensional view of these creatures as they interact within their respective habitats.

The siamangs look like small chimpanzees and love to swing from branch to branch and from bar to bar. They are very animated.

The orangutans are quite the opposite. These Asian apes take their time moving from place to place. If one feels bashful, he will cover his face with his hands and peer between his fingers to see whether or not you can take a hint. In the future these large, orange-haired apes will be relocated in the new Orangutan Forest.

The chimpanzees are not as animated as the siamangs, not as lethargic as the orangutans and act like they love putting on a performance for spectators.

The biggest ape of all is located in the zoo's Gorilla World. This is the only zoo that features three generations of male gorillas. Gorilla World is set apart from the rest of the zoo's exhibits and features a silver-backed patriarch, his son, and two grandsons, Mad and Baby.

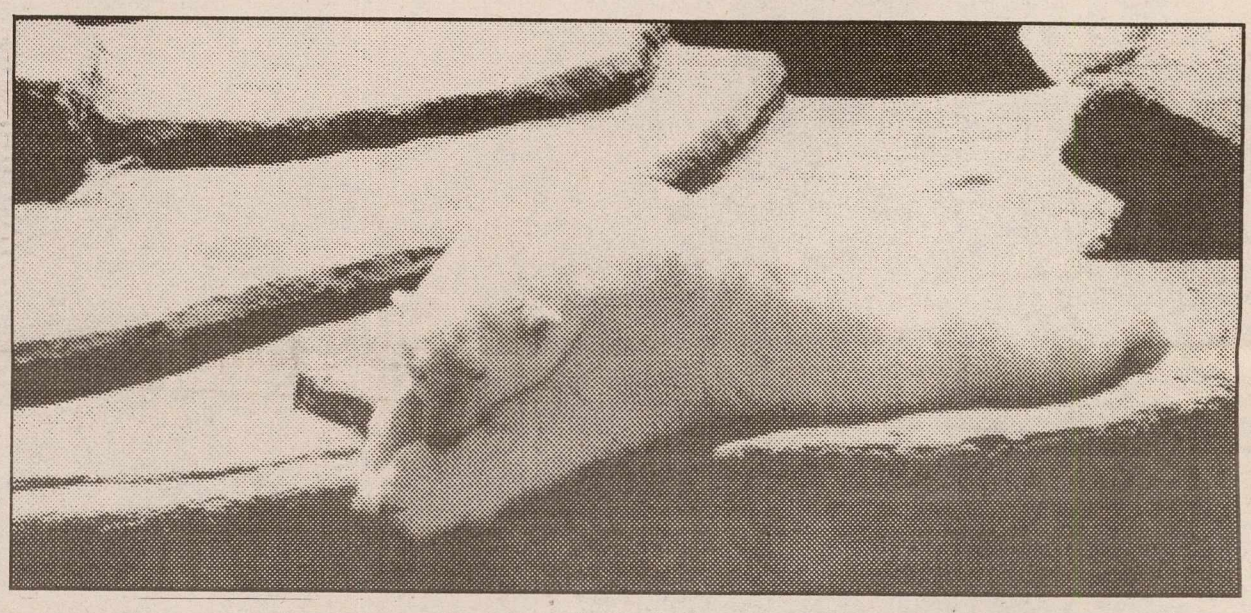
Baby is still learning about his environment and spends most of his day riding on his mother's back. Meanwhile, Mad prefers roughhousing with his grandpa as they stalk, chase and tackle each other around the rocks and trees of the sanctuary (if humans played rough like this, we wouldn't wake up for three days — but it's just a ball of fun to a gorilla.)

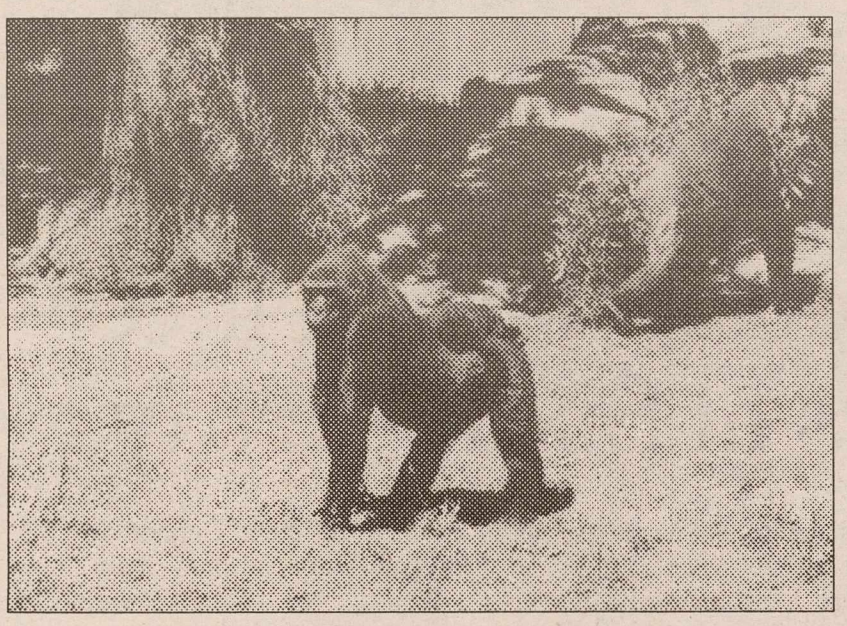
Ahhh, but there are still more things to see and experience.

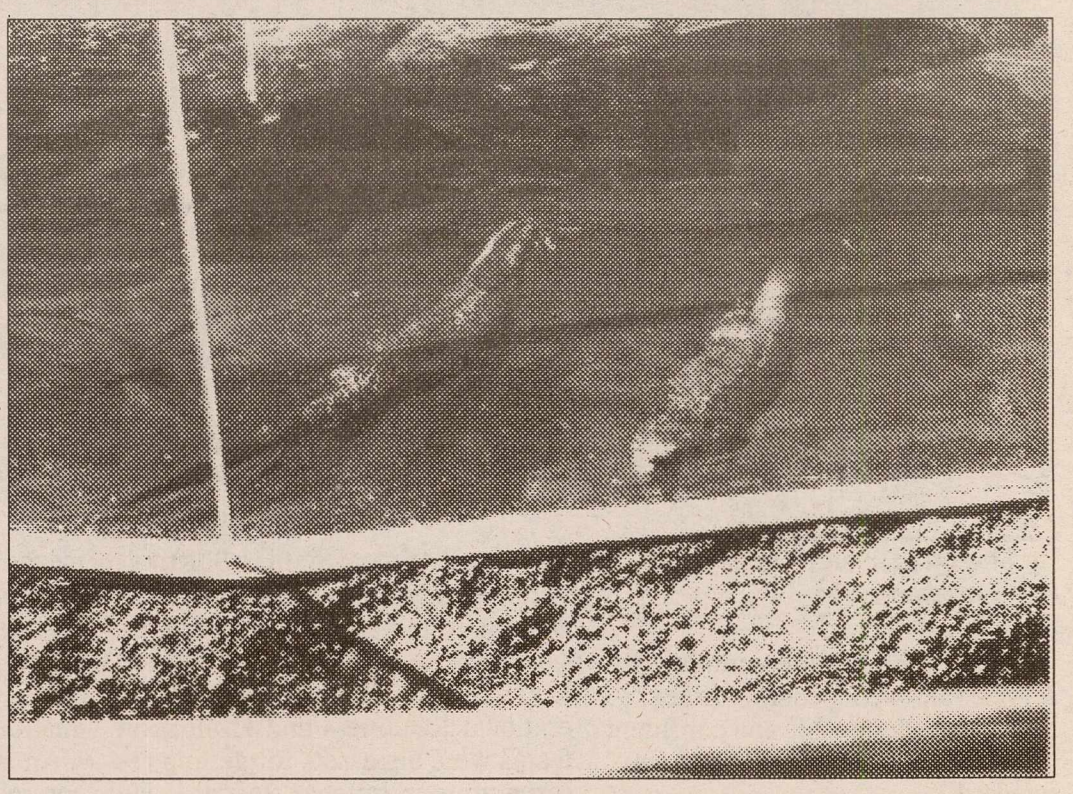
The zoo also features mountain goats, zebras, kangaroos, giraffes, African and Asian elephants (the African ones have the bigger, fan-like ears), a water buffalo herd and a pair of black rhinos which are part of a captive breeding program. The zoo has already donated the female's six other offspring to various zoos.

Of course, there is only one way to experience the zoo — you've got to see it for yourself.

Admission is $6.







A polar bear dozes in the sunlight (top), while just around the bend a baby lowland gorilla cuddles his mother (left), and two river otters play in their brand new pool (right). Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III.

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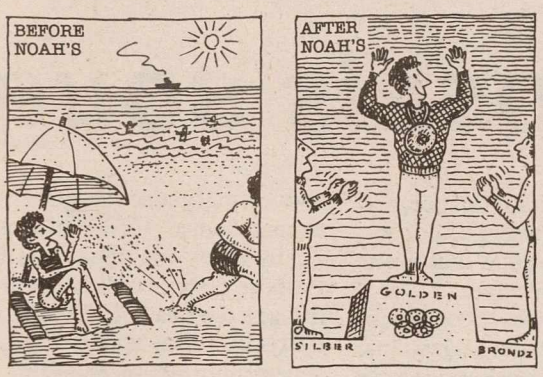

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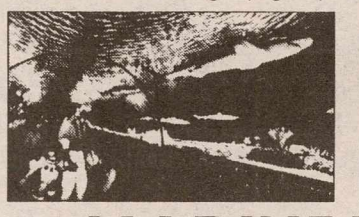

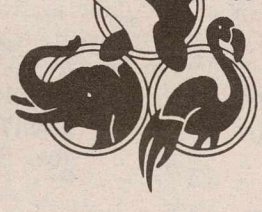

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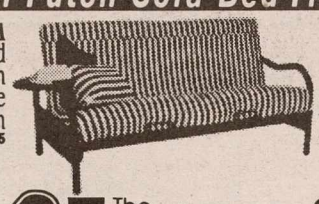

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Transition column

Jobs, classes available via Presidio services

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here is the latest list of vacancy announcements available for review at the Outplacement Office. For information, call Deitra Greene at **561-2430**.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, San Francisco: Administrative Support Assistant, GS-303-7.

U.S. Mint, San Francisco: Weighing Supervisor, WS-5424-04.

Human Resources Management Service, San Francisco: Health Physicist, GS-1306-11/12.

Human Resources Department: Apprentice Level Heavy Duty Coach Mechanic.

Social Security Administration, Orange, Calif.: Hearing Assistant, GS-986-6/7/8.

U.S. General Services Administration, San Francisco: Criminal Investigator, GS-1811-5/7/9/11.

Defense Logistics Agency (multiple sites): Supervisory Business Marketing Executive, GS-1101-13.

Directorate of Human Resources, Sacramento, Calif.: Budget Analyst (Civil Works), GS-0560-11; Civil Engineer Technician (Upward Mobility), GS-0802-4.

Directorate of Human Resources, San Francisco: Secretary, GS-0318-6.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Palo Alto, Calif.: Dental Hygienist, GS-682-7.

U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland, Calif.: Industrial Property Management Specialist, GS-1103-12; Budget Analyst, GS-560-9/11.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Sacramento, Calif.: Supervisory Medical Administrative Specialist, GS-301-9.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.: Lead Medical Clerk, Gs-0679-5.

Corporation for National & Community Service, San Francisco: Service Center Director, GS-301-13/14.

Corporation for National & Community Service, Sacramento, Calif.: Administrative Support Assistant (OA), GS-303-5.

Corporation for National & Community Service, Oakland, Calif.: Administrative Officer, GS-341-13.

Defense Logistics Agency, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va.: Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-12/13/14.

Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga.: Electrical Engineer, GS-850-07 (Target 11).

Civilian Personnel Office, Fort Lewis, Wash.: Supervisory Loss & Damage Claims Examiner, GS-992-09.

U.S. Department of Justice, San Jose, Calif.: Legal Clerk or Legal Technician (OA), GS-986-5/6/7.

The National Park Service is recruiting for a **Program Officer (Museums, Cultural Centers and International Programs), GS-343-11**. This is a term appointment, the duration of which is expected to be four years. The selected candidate will be eligible for health and life insurance while employed under this appointment. The appointment may be terminated at any time prior to the not-to-exceed date, at the agency's discretion. Announcement number GOGA-94R-41 closes July 21. Send your completed application to Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123, ATTN: Personnel (GOGA-94R-41).

Before you take the bait and accept a job offer, ask yourself . . . "Do I really know how to evaluate a job offer?" There is more to consider than dollars and cents. Attend the three-hour workshop on **evaluating job offers**, conducted by the Job Assistance Center, 10 a.m. to noon, July 20. This workshop takes place at Civilian Personnel, Building 37, and administrative leave may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor. Call **561-2554** for reservations.

OPM announces time-in-grade change

Federal employees would be eligible for much quicker promotions under proposed rules recently announced by the Office of Personnel Management.

The change is part of Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review. Officials said the change would make employees eligible for promotion based on performance rather than time in grade. The proposed rules appeared in the June 15 *Federal Register* and are subject to a 60 days' public comment before OPM issues the final rules.

"Abolishing the time-in-grade regulations will eliminate unrealistic expectations of guaranteed promotion after one year," said OPM Director James B. King. "Now employees will know that advancement hinges on their performance and skill levels."

Since 1951 employees have been required to spend one year in a general schedule pay grade before being eligible for promotion, regardless of skill level and experience. The statutory basis for the requirement expired in 1978. OPM continued the requirement under its regulatory authority.

OPM officials said the change would be most useful in situations where a person with a master's degree or other strong qualifications accepts a low grade position to "get in the door" of federal government. Under current rules, such people would be stuck at that grade even if positions open up that are better suited to their qualifications.

The National Partnership Council, made up of labor and management representatives, approved the change. However, the council recommended retaining time-in-grade requirements for bargaining units in which unions have exclusive rights. Time-in-grade requirements could drop later if these unions agree to the change.

(American Forces Information Service)

Park Service News

Child Care Center proposals sought

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

The National Park Service (NPS) is requesting proposals from interested organizations to operate the Presidio Child Development Center, National Park Service Presidio General Manager Robert Chandler announced.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) begins the NPS process to find an organization to provide affordable child care and education programs at the Presidio's existing Child Development Center. The RFP is the first step towards fulfilling the Park Service's goal of providing high quality child care to the Presidio community in a manner consistent with the Presidio General Management Plan Amendment that is being developed for final release this summer.

The Child Development Center is scheduled to be transferred to the National Park Service on Oct. 1, when the Presidio becomes part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The Park Service expects to issue a Special Use Permit to the selected organization for the use of Building 387, its furniture, equipment, and immediate grounds.

"The Child Development Center will still be open to military families," said Rick Hentschel of the Presidio Project Office's Leasing Office. "However, the fees will be a flat rate based on the child's age group -- infant, toddler, etc. -- with higher fees for younger children who require more care."

Hentschel said that the Park Service will work with the successful organization to develop a low income fee schedule as well.

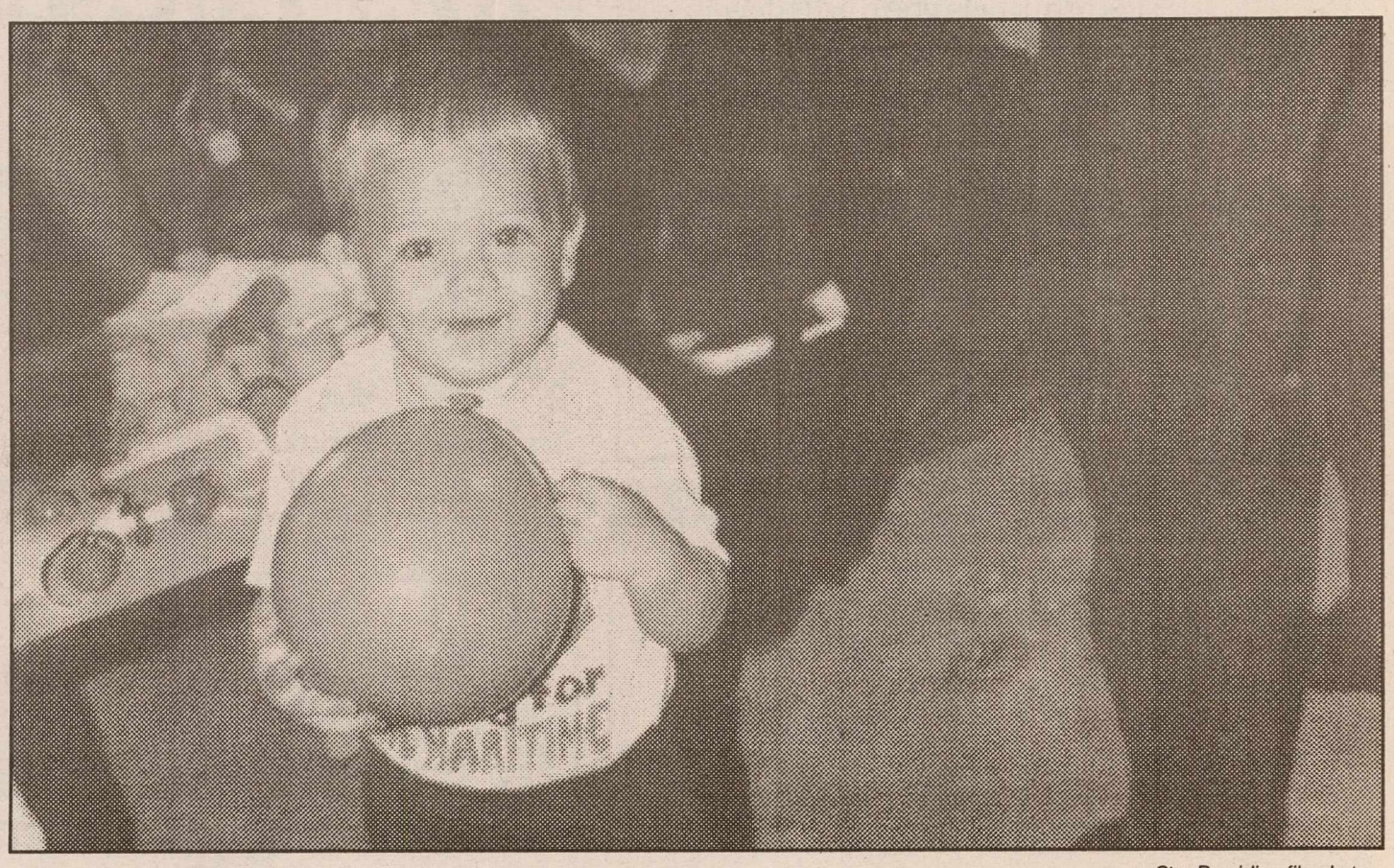
The National Park Service will hold a pre-submittal conference at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at the Presidio Project Office located in Building 102 on the Main Post. Tours of the Child Center facilities will also be given to interested organizations July 21, 26 and 28.

Responses to the Request for Proposals, which is being advertised nationally, must be received by 4 p.m., Sept. 9. Following an evaluation period, the Park Service will choose to issue a Special Use Permit to the successful proposer by Oct. 1.

The successful submittal must have the demonstrated ability to plan, finance, and implement a child development, child care, and child education program that meets National Park Service objectives.

The National Park Service welcomes submissions from individuals, organizations, and joint ventures. The Park Service has a policy of encouraging historically disadvantaged businesses to compete for Special Use Permit opportunities in the Presidio and strongly encourages minority and women-owned businesses to respond.

Any questions about this Request for Proposals may be directed to Hentschel, through the Leasing Office at the Presidio Project Office, at **556-1388, x227**. For general information regarding the pre-submittal conference and tours or about obtaining a copy of the RFP, call the Leasing Office at **556-1388**.



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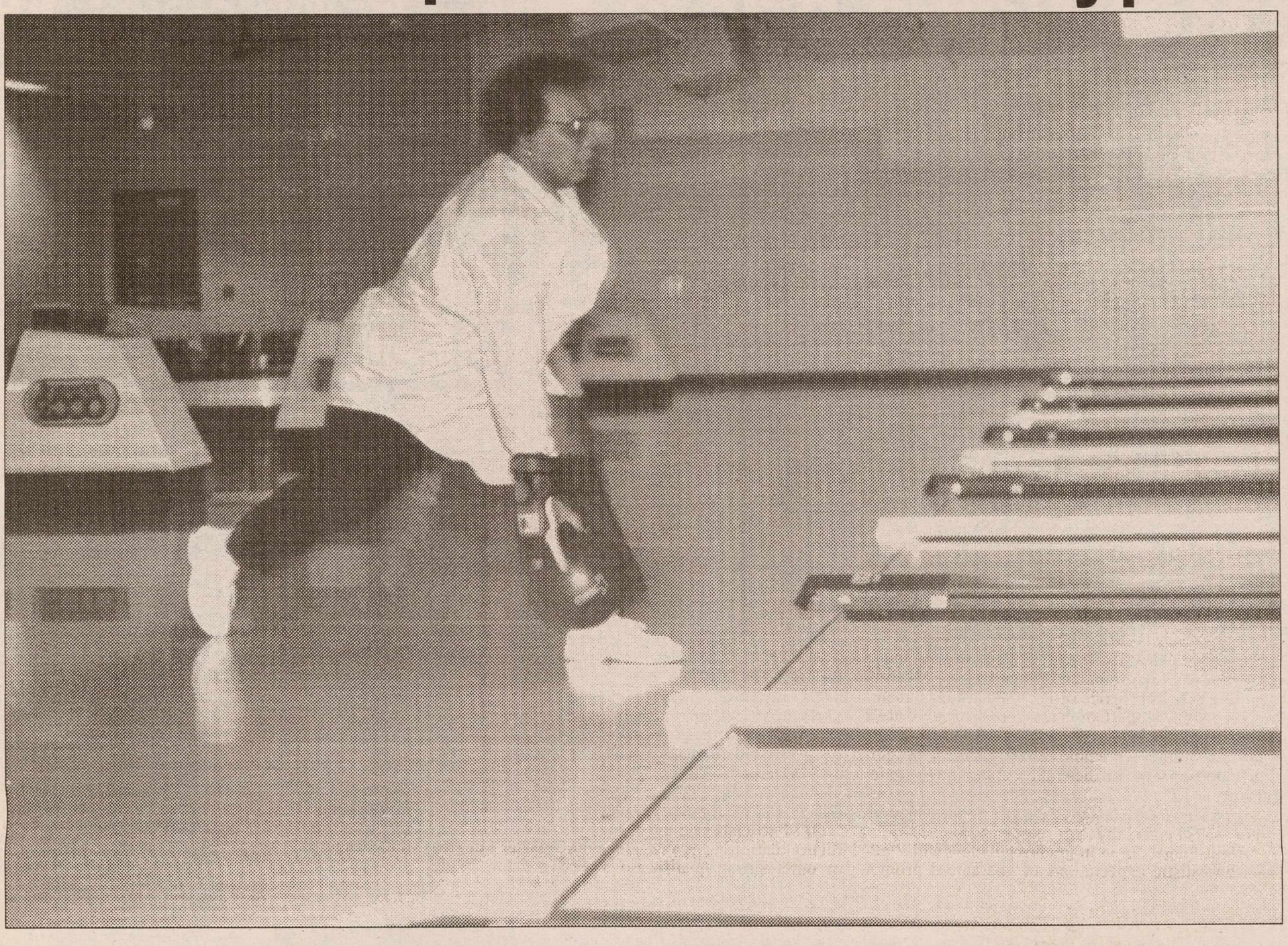
Post bowlers pass season's midway point



Showing her trademark moves, Barbara Bagley, here bowling for the Stakers, lays the ball into the lane for another strike July 7.

Hui O Hawaii League

Barbara Bagley of the league leading Stakers has led all women bowlers in the league for the past two weeks on the Presidio of San Francisco bowling lanes.

In week seven she was one of the stars of the week, having recorded a 205 game and 584 series total. Last week she recorded a 209 game to go with her 560 series and was named one of the stars of the week. Bagley's handicap in this league is 1.

Rick Camacho of the third place team Lil' Kolohe II was the other star. He rolled a 216 game and 600 series.

The week's other 200 bowlers included: Rod Hangka, Whom Knows?, 238; Greg Gomez, Stakers, 211; Mel Washington, Four Tops, and Bud Fleming, Whom Knows?, 210 each.

Lil' Kolohe II upped its record in the win column by four games to bump Up Your Alley from the third spot in the standings. Whom Knows rose from fifth to fourth place in the league.

Standings after 32 games:
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **Stakers** 24-9, 18,200
2. **Four Tops** 21-11, 17,797
3. **Lil' Kolohe II** 19.5-12.5, 17,795
4. **Whom Knows** 18.5-13-5, 17,565
5. **Up Your Alley** 16-16, 17,655
6. **High Rollers** 14-18, 17,622
7. **Islanders** 12-20, 17,101
8. **Navy Wenches** 3-29, 16,541

Intramural Summer League

Did we mention Barbara Bagley earlier? Well, she's a star of the week in this league, too.

Bagley, bowling for Command Group, rolled a 206 game and 584 series to lead all bowlers in this league, men and women alike. Her scores were the highest recorded by the women for the season. Rick Camacho of Readiness Group-PSF tossed a 504 game and 580 series, and Command Group's Richard Griego bowled a 224 game.

ORE #I rose from fifth place and bumped CRD Sports out of fourth place, but the rest of the league's teams maintained their positions.

Standings after 32 games:
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **RG-PSF** 28-4, 13,556
2. **Cmd Grp** 23-9, 13,489
3. **RTD** 21-11, 13,025
4. **ORE #I** 16-16, 13,098
5. **CRD Sports** 15.5-16.5, 13,112
6. **ORE #II** 13-19, 12,677
7. **ORE** 8.5-23.5, 8,177

Reno Summer League

Morena Villanueva of the Active & Retirees team and Don Banks of the Strokers both bowled 235 scratch games and were named stars of the week.

Villanueva also bowled a 594 scratch series. Her scores placed her in second place for the women in the league's high scratch game and high scratch series categories for the season.

Besides the 235, Banks also bowled a 201 game and totaled a 615 series.

Three teams are in a tight battle for second place in the standings, separated only by a few hundred pins. The Pai Gow Pokers, Seven/Eleven and Family Affair all have 18-14 records. Only 180 pins separate the Pai Gow Pokers from Seven/Eleven.

Other 200 bowlers included: Philip Moses, The 4 Rollers, 223; Ben Villanueva, Active & Retirees, 221; C.G. Neal, Pai Gow Pokers, 220 and 215; Rod Hangka, Four Tops, 215; Bobbie Gascon, Seven/Eleven, 210 and 202; and Kim Coons, Four Tops, and Art Burford, Family Affair, 203.

Standings after 32 games:
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. **Four Tops** 19-13, 17,471
2. **Pai Gow Pokers** 18-14, 17,910
3. **Seven/Eleven** 18-14, 17,730
4. **Family Affair** 18-14, 17,181
5. **Strokers** 17-15, 17,632
6. **Active & Retirees** 16-16, 15,707
7. **The 4 Rollers** 15-17, 15,518

Sports Branch hosts best ball foursome tournament

The Presidio Sports Branch, Community Recreation Division is sponsoring a best ball foursome golf tournament at noon, July 28, on the par 72 Presidio Army Golf Course.

The tournament is open to all active duty personnel and family members (19 years or older), Department of the Army civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco, and Army retirees on a space available basis who live within 50 miles of the Presidio of San Francisco.

Entry deadline is July 27. Team entry fees are $50, or individual entrees may pay $12. The fees will also cover the Sports Branch Awards Meal after the tournament.

Greens fees, as established by the Presidio Army Golf Course, will be paid in advance at the Presidio Sports Office by all golfers not members of the Presidio Army Golf Club. Entries will not be accepted otherwise.

The fees are: DA civilians, $30; retirees, $15; officers, $14; and enlisted, $8.

Each team will have a captain who will make sure the team tees off from the proper positions on each hole, have one score marked for each team on the scorecard on each hole, ensure each member of the foursome signs the scorecard and turns in the scorecard immediately after completion of the tournament. All players will tee off from the white tees.

Best ball foursome rules are simple. Each player in the foursome tees off from the teeing area. The best drive will then be selected by mutual agreement, and all other team members will pick up and move their golf balls to this selected position. Team members will place their golf balls within 12 inches of the new position, no nearer to the hole, and play their shots. This procedure will continue until the team has reached the green.

On the green, a mark will be placed adjacent to the ball that is closest to the hole. The team members will putt from the same position until the team holes out.

Golfers will use actual scoring, with no handicaps. If balls must be played from the sand trap, the trap will be raked between shots.

Special events will be conducted during the tournament, including the longest drive on hole nine, the nearest to the pin on hole 13 and the longest putt on hole 18.

The course record is 62, set by Lawson Little in the 1940s when there were fewer trees on the course. Get your entries in today and start practicing to beat the course record.

For more information, call the Sports Branch at **561-4131** or **561-4120**.

Presidio Community Column

News briefs

Emergency kits available

Emergency preparedness kits are now available at the Commissary. Each kit contains food and water (with a shelf life of five years) and a blanket and can sustain one person for up to three days.

Video star needed!

Are you a Presidio family member, age 10 to 18? Would you like to star in a video? The California Academy of Sciences may be looking for you to be profiled on "A World Beyond," the Academy's television program. You would be followed through a typical day on the Presidio, so that people can view the post through the eyes of a young person who lives here. This is your chance to share your favorite spots around the post.

If you are interested in appearing in "A World Beyond," submit an essay telling us why you are the best Presidian to profile the post. Your essay should be 50 words or less and brought to the Public Affairs Office, Building 38, Room 118, ATTN: Dixie Porter, by 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. Be sure to include your name, your parents' names, and a telephone number where you can be contacted. The Presidian who is selected will be notified by the staff of "A World Beyond."

Columbia College registration

Registration for Columbia's August through October term will be held at Treasure Island, beginning Monday until Aug. 12. No classes or registration are scheduled on the Presidio for this term. Tuition assistance is not available, but eligible soldiers may apply through the Education Center for in-service use of their VA benefits. For information, call **561-4445**.

Newcomers' Orientation

The Presidio Newcomers' Orientation briefing and historical tour is sponsored by Army Community Service on the third Friday of every other month. The July briefing will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., July 22, at the ACS Conference Room in Building 103-B. This briefing is provided for all new military and civilian personnel and their spouses assigned to units or to Presidio housing within the last 120 days.

Information about installation services, to include TRICARE Prime, dental services and the new Dependent Dental Plan, household claims, and earthquake preparedness, to name a few, will be addressed. A bus tour of the installation will follow, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Family members are encouraged to attend with or without their sponsor. **Free child care is provided.** Family Child Care (FCC) registration fees are waived for the Newcomers' Program. However, all children will be required to have current immunization cards. Reservations for no-cost child care need to be made by close of business today. CDC reservations can be made by calling **561-6004**. For information, contact Vickie Crider at **561-5256**.

Community flea market

This is a one-time opportunity! Don't miss this chance to get rid of all those items you no longer need. The Presidio Community Flea Market runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 6. Everyone is invited to attend the flea market. However, only military ID card holders are eligible to sell items or to reserve a space. The sale will be held in the main post parking lot across from Infantry Barracks and in front of the Bowling Alley parking lot. Reserve your space today! Registration is being held at Army Community Service, Building 103-B, during normal duty hours. For information, call **561-4894**. See you there!

Work order number changes

All service orders for non-National Park Service quarters residents, Sixth U.S. Army administrative buildings, U.S. Army Garrison and tenant activities will be completed by Navy Public Works. A service order may be requested by contacting **556-3643**.

On-post events

The bicycle portion of the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon will affect both the Presidio of San Francisco and Fort Baker, beginning at approximately 7:30 a.m. tomorrow. Bicyclists will be using Mason Street, Crissy Field Avenue, McDowell Avenue, Cowles Street, Lincoln Boulevard, Battery East Road, Conzelman Drive and Horseshoe Cove. The grassy area between the Coast Guard Station and Yacht Club is the bike/run transition area and the finish line. In addition, the parking lot near the Fort Baker Parade Ground will be used for parking.

Newspaper news

As you undoubtedly have noticed, the *Star Presidian* is now eight pages long, instead of 16. What does this mean to you, the reader? You will see essential transition and closure information, as usual, but the newspaper staff will not be able to cover many of the events you have seen on these pages in the past. We will also be unable to provide photographic support of promotion, award and retirement ceremonies. We will publish photos provided to us on a space available basis. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

CHAMPUS Service Center moves

The Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic's CHAMPUS Service Center has moved from Room 215 to Room 200 in Building 1100.

The CHAMPUS Service Center is still committed to bringing Presidians the best service and assistance possible. The service center provides "one-stop shopping" for all CHAMPUS beneficiaries' health care needs and benefit information. CHAMPUS programs include the health Care finder Service, TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard. The TRICARE programs are administered by Aetna Government Health Plans.

The CHAMPUS Service Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information about CHAMPUS and TRICARE services, call **561-0650**. On-post callers ***must*** use the **561-** prefix.

Multicultural event

A multicultural event with special emphasis on African and Native Americans takes place from noon until 4 p.m., July 21, at the Presidio Officers' Club. The keynote speaker at the buffet luncheon is Doris Ward, Assessor for the City and County of San Francisco. For information call Francisco DaCosta, Equal Opportunity Council member, at **556-0347**.

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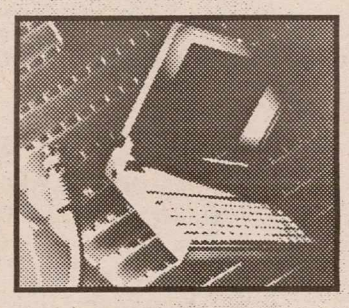

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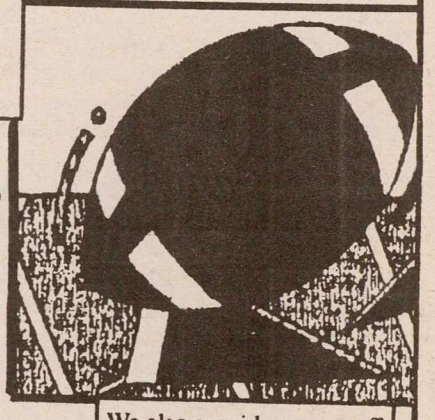

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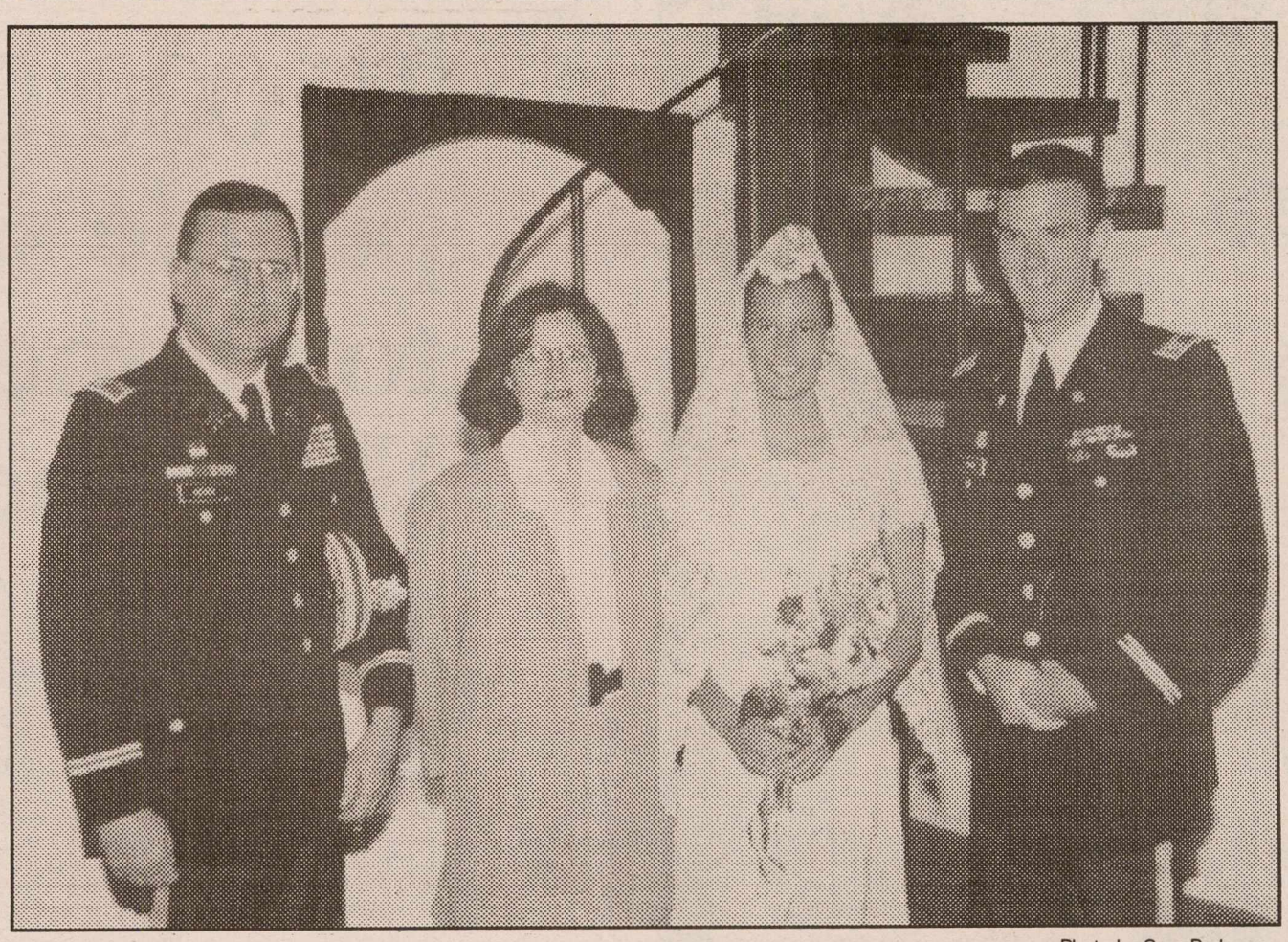

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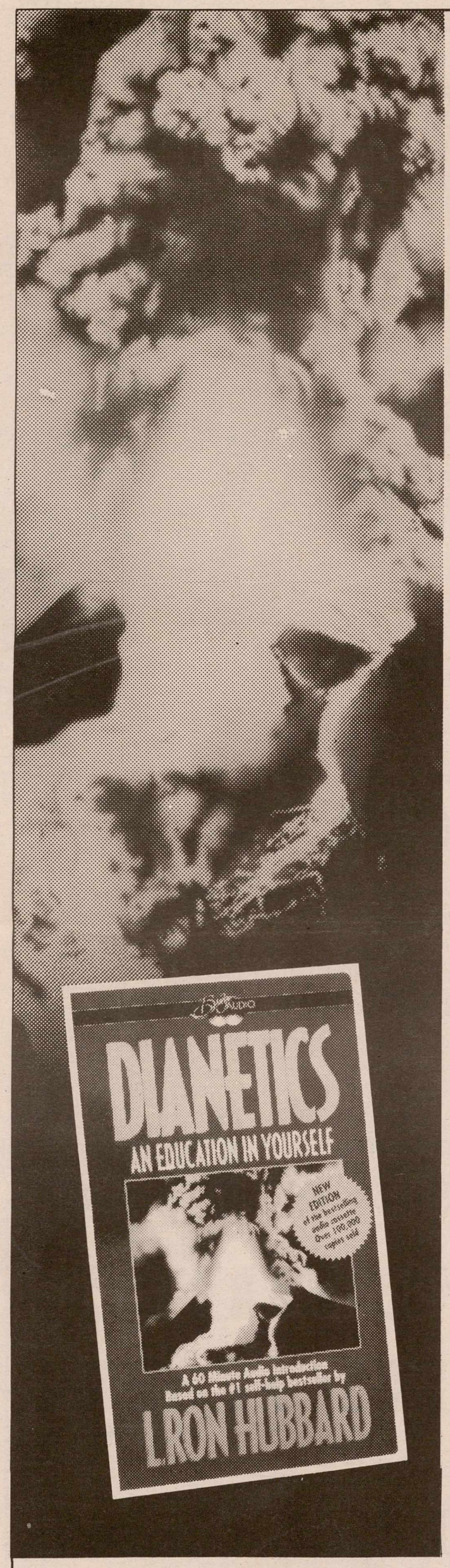

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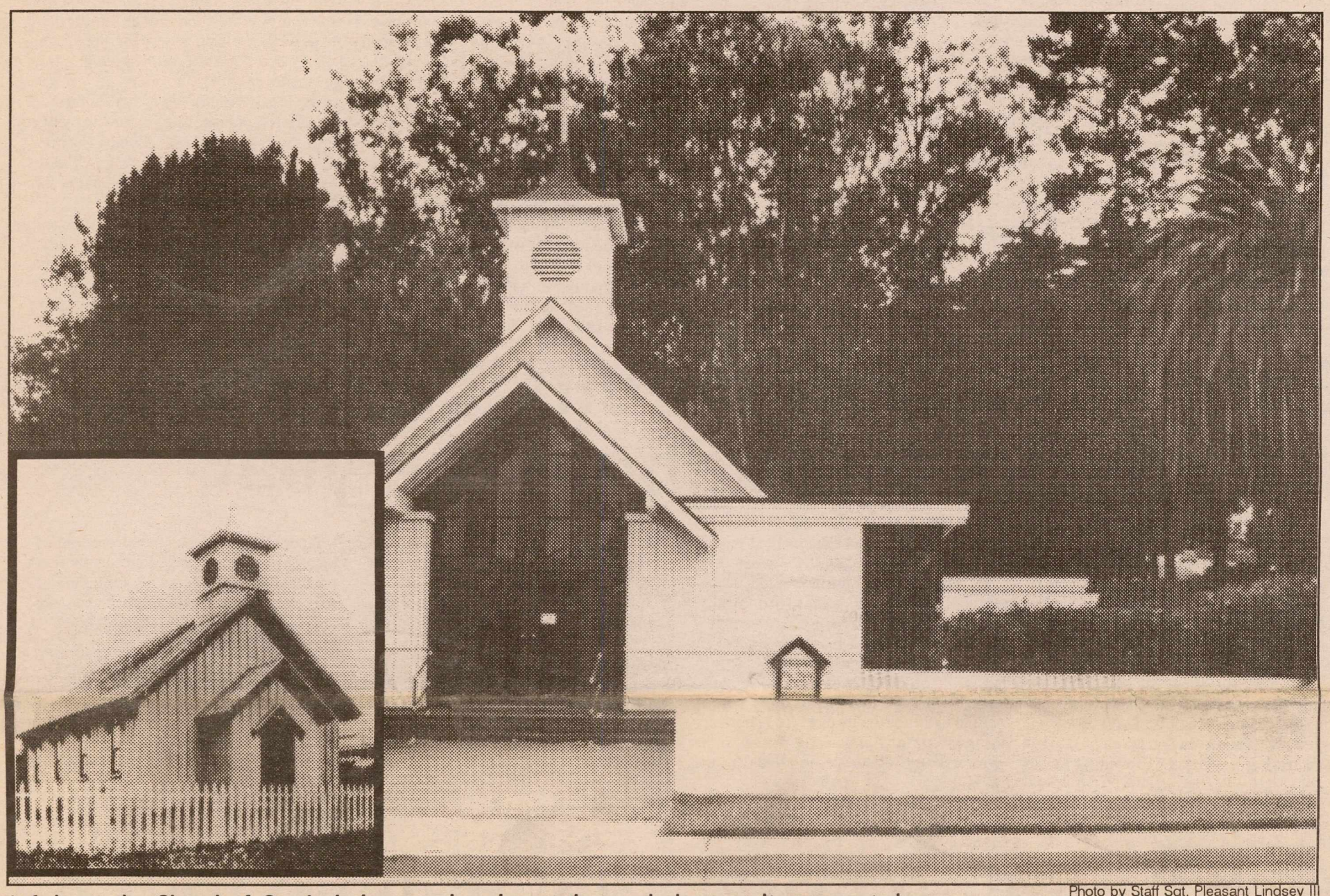


Left inset, the Chapel of Our Lady in a previous incarnation, and above as it appears today.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Chapel of Our Lady

Services move from historic building

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

The Catholic worship service will move to the Main Post Chapel July 31 after more than 200 years of service, thereby consolidating the post's worship services under one roof.

The occasion will be marked by a processional that will march from the Chapel of Our Lady, 45 Moraga Avenue, to the Main Chapel, 130 Fisher Loop, after the 11 a.m. Mass. Those wishing to view or participate in the processional should attend the Mass.

"We've been fortunate to have separate chapels for Catholic and protestant worship," Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Mize, post chaplain, said. Most military posts house the worship services of various denominations under one roof.

Mize said the move will require a schedule change for services in the Main Chapel. Sunday Mass will be held at 9 a.m. and noon. Protestant worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. He said the daily Mass will continue at least until Sept. 30.

The closure of the Catholic chapel may have more of an impact on civilians and retirees than on soldiers. Mize said the beauty of the chapel's interior, ample parking and easy accessibility make the building particularly attractive to retirees and the elderly.

"The Chapel of Our Lady is a single level building that doesn't have a lot of steps, which makes it easy for the elderly. In the past, retirees could come to the Presidio and visit the doctor at Letterman Medical Center, go to the commissary, go to Mass and then go to lunch — it worked into their schedule," he said.

The Chapel of Our Lady has a colorful history that echoes the history of the Presidio of San Francisco.

A Spanish expedition led by Juan Bautista de Anza reached the San Francisco Bay area on March 27, 1776. The 20 men in this party had come from Monterey to explore the Bay of San Francisco and to choose sites for the mission and the "presidio" or garrison.

Father Pedro Font represented the Franciscan fathers and was the chronicler of the expedition. In his words:

"In the morning we camped on the banks of a fine lake or spring of very fine water near the mouth of the Port of San Francisco."

This was evidently Mountain Lake on the south edge of the Presidio. Moving northward, de Anza picked a site for the presidio in the vicinity of the present Fort Point. Actual colonization began in June when Lt. José Joaquin Moraga, accompanied by Father Francisco Palou, de Anza's diarist, led the first party of soldiers and settlers north from Monterey.

Moraga's group encamped at the site of the future Mission Dolores in June, but by July, Moraga and his soldiers, rejecting de Anza's original site for a presidio, moved the military section of the expedition to the site of the present Presidio.

Crude adobe huts were constructed, and the Chapel of Our Lady, a little hut, was built of pine boughs and erected in 1776. On July 28, 1776, Father Palou wrote in his diary, "I have celebrated the first Holy Mass." This was the first known Catholic worship service at the Presidio.

Father Palou celebrated the dedication of the Presidio in a Solemn Mass offered a short distance from the present Chapel of Our Lady on Sept. 17, the feast of the Stigmata of Saint Francis. Today, a bronze plaque placed under a wooden cross in the garden between the Chapel of Our Lady and the Presidio Community Club commemorates this dedication.

Dedication of the actual chapel, the first permanent building finished in the Presidio, was celebrated on Oct. 9, 1776. Since that day, the Presidio chapel has been rebuilt three times.

In August work was begun to replace the crude hut with a chapel made of adobe, which was promptly washed away by rains the following January.

A second chapel, built in 1788, collapsed in the 1812 earthquake. A third chapel, built in 1816, had disappeared by the end of the Mexican period.

The U.S. Army rebuilt the chapel with wood in 1864 under the auspices of the San Francisco Episcopal diocese. It was a simple frame building with a shingle roof and a small tower resembling a New England village church.

This "Ivy-Covered Chapel," as it was called, served as the interdenominational Post Chapel until 1931, when a new Post Chapel was begun next to the National Cemetery in the Presidio. The old chapel was then named "The Chapel of Our Lady" and used for Catholic services only.

The building was enlarged by the addition of a new wing in 1952. The area between the present Presidio Community Club and the chapel was made into a typical California mission garden. Subsequent interior modifications, including enlargement of the sanctuary were made after the Second Vatican Council.

In the 218 years since the first chapel was built the Chapel of Our lady has been intimately bound up with the ebb and flow of military life on the post. Many have worshipped, young couples have been united in matrimony, and children have been baptized, received First Communion and Confirmation on this spot.

"The Army continues to offer a nondenominational military chapel to support religious worship services," Mize said. "I'm concerned about meeting my parishioners' needs."

(History provided by Sharon Thomas, director, Presidio Army Emergency Relief)

Commentary

Let's lower stress during downsizing

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

There isn't a person I know who is immune to stress or tension from one or more sources in life. If it isn't stress from downsizing and the resulting increased workload and decreased morale, maybe it's stress on the home front. None of us is immune to it.

It's very important that we all find ways to deal with stress — methods that are positive and not destructive to ourselves or others.

As a devoted animal lover, I'm certainly not going to suggest the "kick the dog" method of tension relief. Yelling at your spouse or kids doesn't help anybody's stress level, either.

I'm not a psychologist, but I do read a lot and I've found some pretty good ideas in the course of that reading. I want to share some of the things I've found to reduce my tension levels, and I'd love to hear about yours, too.

Oscar Wilde, in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, said, "Simple pleasures are the refuge of the complex mind." With that thought firmly before you, consider the things I've found to take the edge off on difficult days.

I love animated movies, especially Disney. Nothing is more certain to bring a smile to my face after a long day toiling at the word processor than popping in a videotape of "Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast," or any of the titles I own. If you have kids, you have an even better excuse for this kind of thing; you can relax and watch together. I've also been known to listen to Disney soundtracks in the car on the way to work, singing at the top of my lungs — with the windows up, of course. Any music that you like will work!

Being silly is often helpful, too. My best friend and I get on the telephone and laugh over all kinds of things, from high school antics and games of "there's your boyfriend" to a joke we heard that morning. It helps both of us get through the day. Whoever said that laughter is the best medicine wasn't kidding.

I am also blessed in my home with the unconditional love of three cats and a dog. Some days nothing makes me happier than to cuddle up my furry friends. They don't care if I'm upset enough to cry; it's okay with them. Interestingly enough, my dog and one of my cats have an almost psychic sense of when I need comfort the most.

I try to treat myself once a week to something fun. Lately, I've driven to places I've never gone before — just to get out of the house and see something different. It helps me to keep a tourist's perspective on life — that there is always something new and interesting to see.

Of course, I talk with friends about what I'm going through. If you read my commentaries regularly, you will have noticed I sometimes write about things that are happening in my life as well. Writing is very therapeutic, as anyone who keeps a journal can tell you. It's another way of sharing and getting things out in the open.

One of the hardest lessons in my life is that suppressed anger and feelings, as well as unresolved stresses, can lower serotonin levels in the brain. This results in a disorder called depression which, according to *Psychology Today*, is the number one disorder diagnosed in mental health clinics today. Don't let this happen to you.

I don't own a patent on any of the things I've mentioned. And they might not all work for you. I know that they make me feel better when I'm stressed. I'd love to hear your stress reduction ideas so they can be published in a future edition of the *Star Presidian*. Let's all work together to lessen the stress of downsizing.

Earned income credits can come in paychecks throughout the year

Millions of families might qualify for earned-income credit payments this year. The good news is that they may not have to wait until next year's tax refund to get it.

People who expect their income to be less than $23,755 for 1994 and have a qualifying child living with them for more than six months during the year, might be able to get up to $1,223 of credit in advance. Income for soldiers does include BAQ and BAS payments. Workers can get the advance payment in their pay instead of waiting to file their 1994 federal tax returns next year to get the credit.

A "qualifying child" includes a son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild or foster child who is 18 years old or younger, unless he or she is a full-time student or permanently and totally disabled. A full-time student must be 23 years old or younger. There is no age limit for a child who is permanently and totally disabled. The qualifying child must physically live with the worker for more than six months during the year.

Those who want to get the advance payment in their pay must complete **Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate.** The **Form W-5** must be given to the worker's employer who will calculate the amount the worker can get, based on wages earned. The amount of advance earned-income credit is limited to 60 percent of the basic credit for one child. For 1994, that could mean as much as $100 per month.

A person who receives the advance earned-income payments and later in the year finds out that they **do not qualify** for the credit, will have to pay back any advance payments received when they file their federal income tax return for 1994.

Form W-5 is available at local IRS offices or can be ordered by calling toll-free **1-800-829-3676**.

For more information, see a unit tax advisor or legal assistance officer.

(Army Families)

DPW news

Road paving ends, water main installation continues around Presidio

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

Ransome Paving will complete paving of the roads in the 500, 700 and 800 areas as soon as Bay Pacific Pipeline is finished installing lines and meters in those areas.

Paris Heating, Inc., is experiencing some problems with residents not being available at their scheduled time to have the quarters heating units inspected. If you receive a notice with a scheduled time that is not suitable, contact me at **561-3711** for assistance in rescheduling.

On behalf of the Directorate of Public Works and all the contractors, I would like to thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding as we work to maintain and upgrade the facilities here on the Presidio. Let's continue to work together.

Here is the latest schedule of work by Bay Pacific Pipeline:

July 18 to 29: Hydrant and ML valve installation (intermittent water outages) in the 500, 700 and 800 housing area.

July 20 to 22: Arguello closed between Sheridan and Moraga.

July 20 to Aug. 5: House meter installation (intermittent water outages) on Quarry, MacArthur and Fernandez Streets.

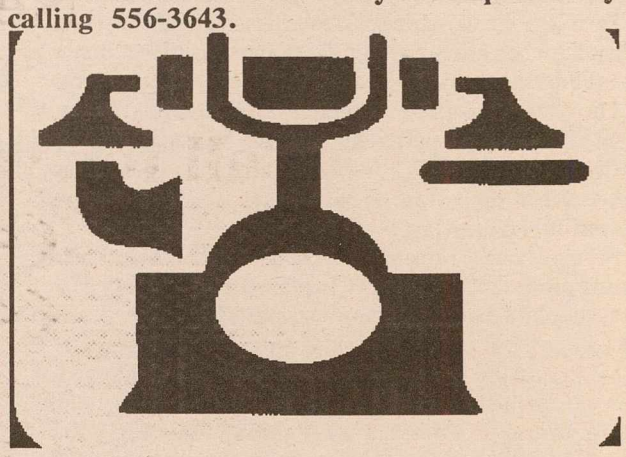
July 25 to 29: Water main pressure test at main Parade Ground.

Aug. 1 to 5: Service line tie-ins (intermittent water outages) at main Parade Ground, and clean-up, paving and landscaping in the 500, 700 and 800 housing area.

Aug. 1 to Sept. 2: Hydrant and ML valve installation (intermittent water outages) in the main Parade Ground and Letterman areas.

Aug. 8 to 12: Water main tie-in (intermittent water outages) at main Parade Ground.

Finally, just a reminder that all service orders for quarters residents placed by the Presidio Housing Office, Sixth U.S. Army administrative buildings, U.S. Army Garrison and tenant activities will be completed by Navy Public Works. A service order may be requested by calling 556-3643.



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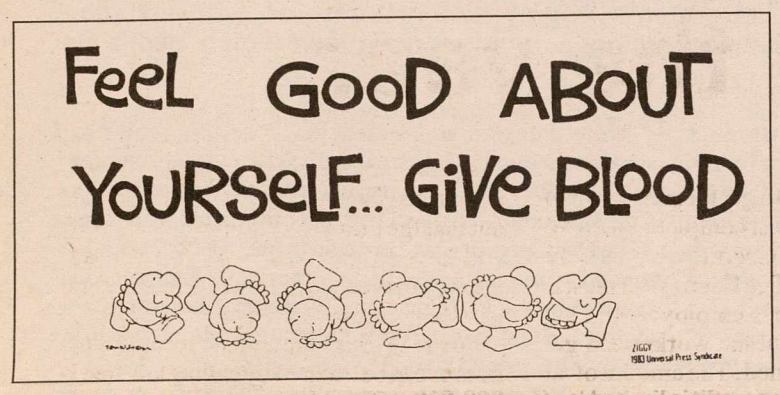

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"Lights out!"

Letterman hosts candlelight wake

Story and photos by Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

When I first sat down to write this story, I wanted to present a chronological order of the Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic "Lights Out" ceremony that took place July 15. However, it seemed that every time I got started I would take off mentally into some memory of the year and a half that I spent working there.

From August of 1990 until September of 1991, I worked in the Public Affairs Office of Letterman Army Medical Center. From September through December of 1991, after the hospital's first reduction-in-force, I worked in the Department of Nursing of Letterman U.S. Army Hospital. I would have to say that my time at Letterman was the best in my 12-year Federal career. And that's what made the "lights out" event both wonderful and sad for me.

Col. Michael Brennan, Letterman's commander, referred to the event as an "Irish wake." For those of you who are not of Celtic origin, I will borrow Brennan's explanation.

"A wake is where, when someone dies, you go to their house and have a party," Brennan explained to the gathered Lettermanites. "You have a meal and something to drink and you share memories."

And that was what happened at the "lights out" ceremony. After a retreat ceremony at the front of the building, the gathered friends and staff went to the Mitchell Dining Facility for a catered dinner. We caught up with old friends and reminisced about things that had happened during our time at Letterman — or caught up on the latest news.

People came from far and near to share in this important time. People like Col. Claudia Mundy, the deputy chief nurse when I was there, who came from Ireland Community Hospital at Fort Knox. People like Maj. Gen. (ret.) Charles H. Gingles, who was the hospital commander at the time the "new" Letterman facility was constructed.

As I sat and chatted with my friends from the Department of Nursing (I was the only one present from the old Public Affairs staff), I thought about some of the people who were **not** present, like Col. David Arrowsmith, chief nurse, who is now retired and travelling with his family. Arrowsmith's infectious good attitude of "I know something good about you" made it easy for me to deal with the involuntary downgrade/RIF that brought me to Nursing in the first place. I thought of Michael Meines, the Public Affairs Officer who started each day with a joke and a smile and who treated my co-worker, Mary Barnes, and me like we were family.

"Peace, man!" Maj. Kim Gustafson, Letterman's Deputy Commander for Administration, and retiree Ruth Callman portrayed hippies during a multi-media presentation about the hospital's history.

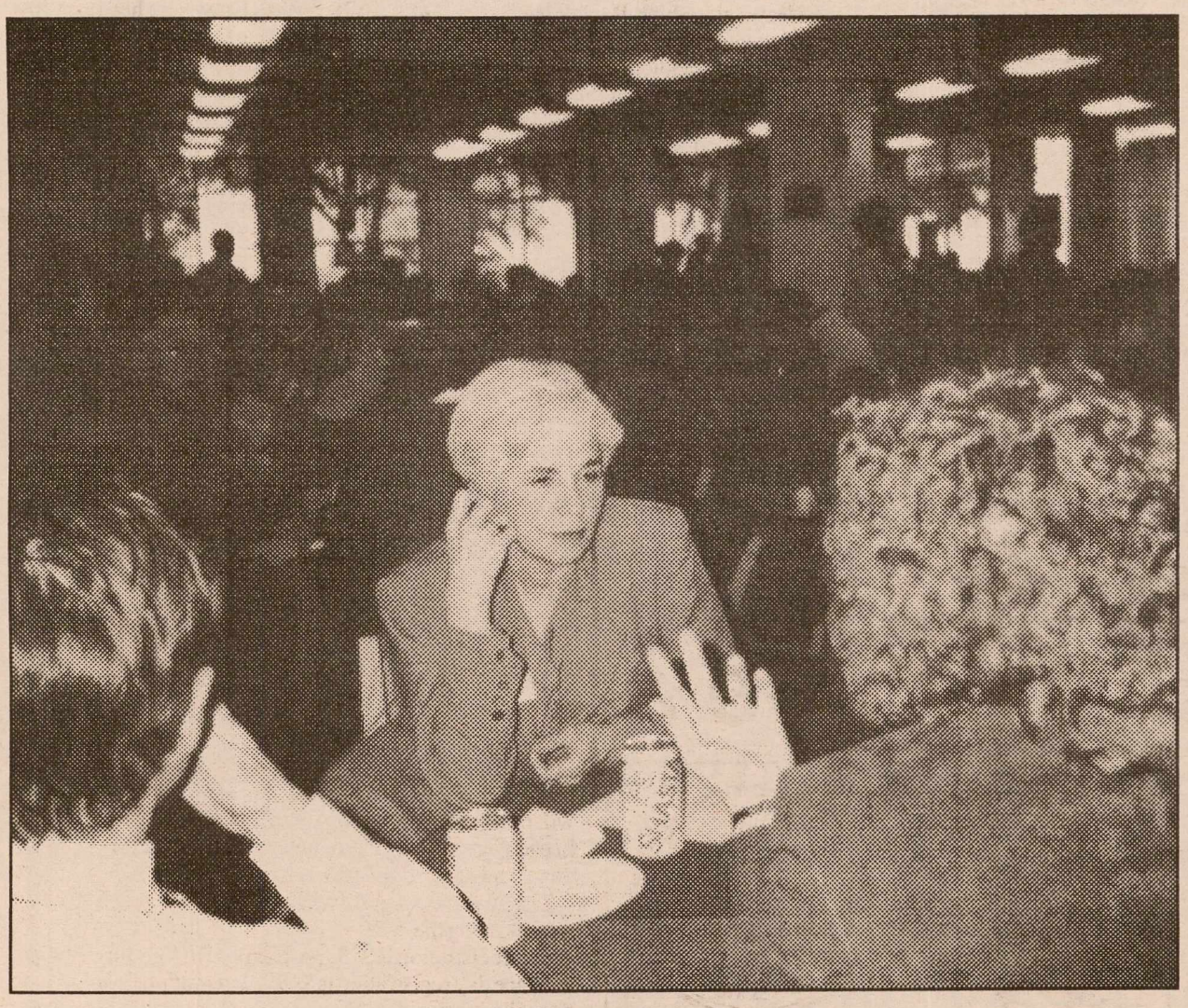
I thought of the people I had known who fell in love at Letterman (I was one of them) and got married to fellow staff members. Kim (Jones) Roby was one of them, too; a model-beautiful soldier on medical hold, she fell in love with and married a fellow med-hold named Dean. Kim was attached to the PAO for duty, and I learned the value of having a light-wheel vehicle mechanic who could also write stories — there was nothing Kim couldn't repair.

I tried for the longest time to figure out why I, and others like me, would continue to come back to Letterman for events long after we stopped working there. And why people like Ruth Callman, who came to work at Letterman during World War II and stayed until her retirement, spent their entire careers there. My friend Lt. Col. Suzanne "Cris" Jennings, now retired and raising llamas, put it best.

"No matter what your rank or job, you felt like an important part of the team," she said.

More thoughts and memories crossed my mind as I started to write, but I wasn't sure how to put them on paper. For instance, how can I hope to explain the pleasure that Col. Brennan's loud and very accomplished whistling of "The Daughters of Erin" brought to me? Or how nice it was to work at a place where people expressed their appreciation with hugs and "thank yous" — rewards that cost nothing to give but that resulted in tremendous morale even in the face of closure and layoffs.

Brennan wrote a poem, which the gathered Lettermanites sang to the tune of the "M*A*S*H Theme." The words summed up the history of the hospital and provided a teary-eyed sense of closure for those of us who gathered in the darkness with our multi-colored chem-lites to watch the hospital lights extinguished one floor at a time. As with all good Irish wakes, we remembered the passing of a loved one and were sad.



Lt. Col. (ret.) Carol Swanson, a former member of Letterman's Department of Nursing, was among the many guests at the catered dinner.

"Letterman is Closing"
Lyrics by Col. Michael Brennan
(Sung to the tune of "M*A*S*H Theme")

In eighty-eight, word came to town
That Letterman was closing down.
Our staff could not believe their eyes.
The closing was a great surprise.

CHORUS: Old Letterman is closing.
We're sad to see it going,
To see an end to its proud legacy.

It's been almost a century
That we've served here beside the sea.
In peace and war we've done our best.
We've met each challenge and each test.

CHORUS

The Golden Gate we've known so well,
The foghorn's blast, the trolley's bell,
The cannon's roar at end of day —
These memories we'll take away.

CHORUS

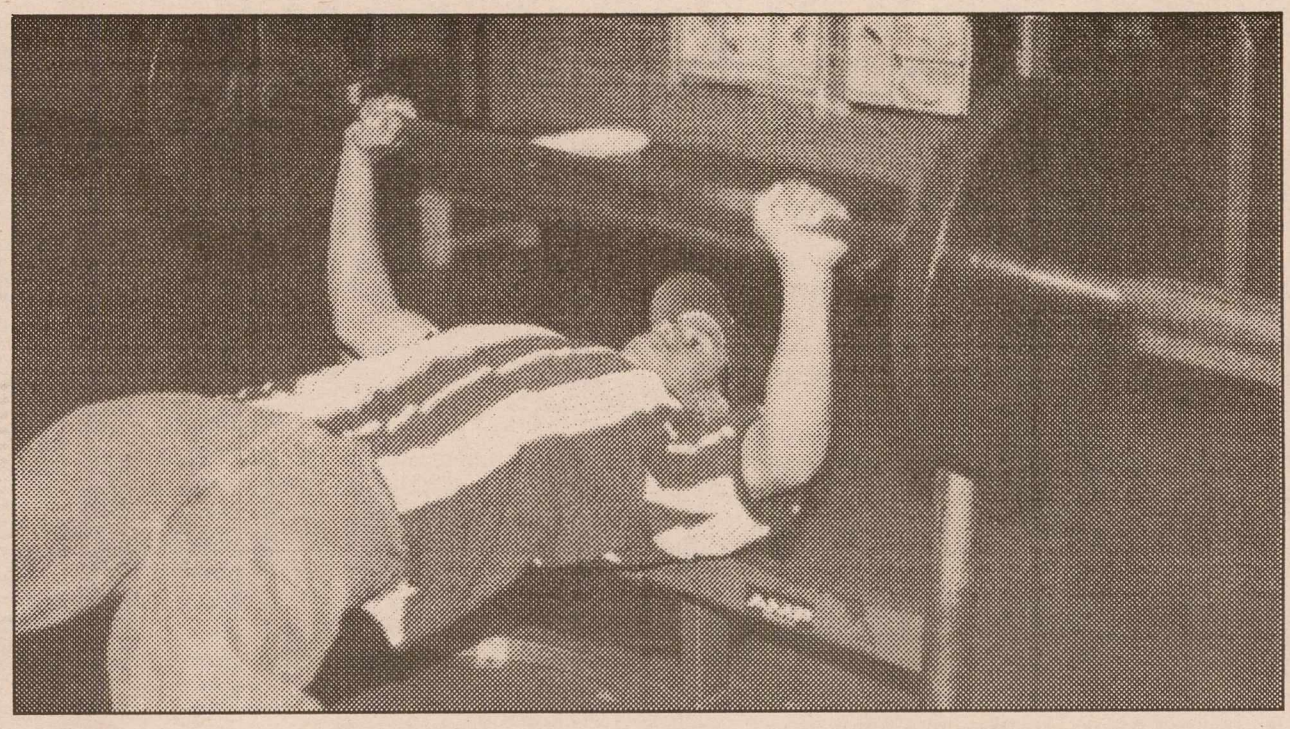
We were reknowned both far and near
For bringing health and hope and cheer,
But now the time of closure's nigh
And soon we'll say our last goodbye.

CHORUS

Here's to our friends who'll carry on
In our new clinic when we're gone.
Their mission still will be the same.
They'll keep alive our work and fame.

CHORUS

Pump it, pump it up!



Pumping out the repetitions, Jason Madison, recreation aide, knocks out a few bench presses in Gym No. 1, Building 63. Maintained by the Community Recreation Division Sports Branch, the gym offers a wide variety of activities and includes a full size basketball court, two racquetball courts, a squash court and two weight rooms. Included in the weight rooms are free weights, and Universal and Nautilus weight machines. The Nautilus room has more than 20 separate stations that allows users to exercise each muscle group in the body while simultaneously getting an aerobic workout. For those who wish to focus specifically on aerobic activity, there are two Universal treadmills and four Nautilus Aerobicycles in the gym. Also, users may call the gym to reserve any of the post's five tennis courts. For more information, call the Sports Branch at 561-5032.

Bowlers tighten the line in week nine

Reno Fun League

Barbara Bagley showed once again that she's the top female bowler in this league after bowling a 244 scratch game and recording a 582 series July 11 to make her one of the stars of the week.

Bowling for the Strokers, Bagley helped her team maintain a tie for third place with Seven/Eleven with identical 20-16 records.

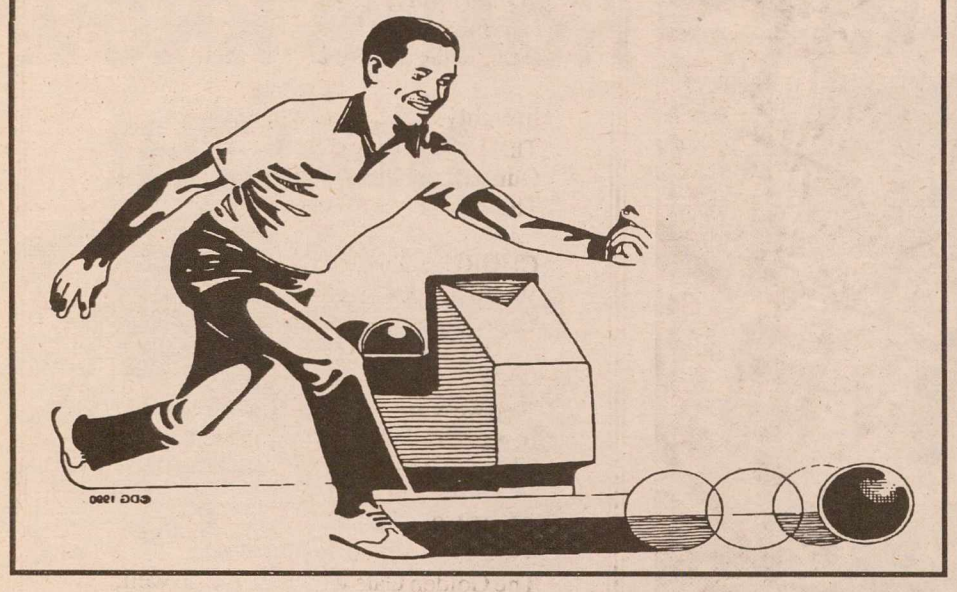
The second place Pai Gow Pokers, 21-14, are one game behind the league leading Four Tops. The Pokers are led by Bud Fleming, the week's other star, who rolled scratch games of 229 and 206 while compiling a 626 series.

The Active and Retirees and the Four Rollers are in the league's cellar but are only two games below .500. In particular, the Active and Retirees team could still have a chance to move up in the standings.

Bagley and Villanueva are listed one and two among the women in all four categories in the league. For the men, Mallorca is ranked among the top three in the high game scratch, handicap and high series scratch categories.

The week's other 200 bowlers included: Art Burford, Family Affair, 223 and 208; Rod Hangka, Four Tops, 216 and 201; Rick Camacho, Seven/Eleven, 206; Lee Hopkins, Seven/Eleven, 201 and 200; and Bob Burgoon, The Four Rollers, 200.

Standings after 36 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. Four Tops 22-14, 19,863
2. Pai Gow Pokers 21-15, 20,192
3. Seven/Eleven 20-16, 19,960
4. Strokers 20-16, 19,785
5. Family Affair 19-17, 19-424
6. Active and Retirees 17-19, 17,935
7. The Four Rollers 17-19, 17,751



Intramural Summer League

This is the other league that Barbara Bagley dominates. The league's high bowler for the week, Bagley tossed a 244 game and totaled 636 for a series score to help her Command Group teammates up their record to 24-12 July 12, still five games out of first place. Bagley also bowled a 203 game.

Command Group lost three of four games, as did the first place team, Readiness Group-PSF, which featured the league's other star of the week, Ed Pulanco. However, RTD won all four of its games to vault over Command Group into second place.

Pulanco bowled a 216 game and tallied a 583 series. Pulanco maintains a handicap of 2, while Bagley's handicap is 0. This is another league in which Bagley leads the women in all four categories, including high game scratch and handicap, and high series scratch and handicap. Rounding out the top three women in each category are Pat Jordan of Operational Readiness and Evaluation and Joyce Peterson of RTD. These three women have compiled stats that give the appearance of a smaller battle taking place in the larger league war.

The statistics for the league's top female bowlers is as follows.

High game scratch: Bagley 244; Jordan 180; Peterson 176. High game handicap: Bagley 244; Peterson 224; Jordan 220. High series scratch: Bagley 636; Jordan 509; Peterson 489. High series handicap: Bagley 636; Jordan 616; Peterson 612.

Standings after 36 games
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. RG-PSF 29-7, 15,210
2. RTD 25-11, 14,729
3. Cmd Grp 24-12, 15,152
4. ORE #I 19-17, 14,840
5. CRD Sports 18.5-17.5, 14,829
6. ORE #II 17-19, 14,268

Hui O Hawaii Summer League

Rod Hangka of Whom Knows? helped his team draw to a tie with Lil' Kilohe II for second place July 15. A 200 bowler in more than one league, Hangka rolled 228 and 207 games and scored a 628 series to be named one of the stars of the week (the question mark is part of the team's name).

Whom Knows? won all four of its games while Lil' Kolohe II bowled 3-4. They are 22.5-13.5 in league play.

Linda Laws of the Four Tops was the week's other star. she bowled a 235 game and a 528 series. However, her team lost three of four games, slid from second to fourth place and is now 22-14.

Hangka, who also bowls in the Reno league, is among the top three male bowlers for the season in all four of the Hawaii league's statistics categories. Likewise, Laws dominates this league among the women and is ranked among the top three in all categories.

Hangka's teammate Bud Fleming bowled 200 in one game to help Whom Knows rise in the standings.

Standings after 36 games:
Team, won-lost, total pins
1. Stakers 27-9, 20,311
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3. Whom Knows? 22.5-13.5, 19,842
4. Four Tops 22-14, 19,821
5. Up Your Alley 16-20, 19,694
6. High Rollers 15-21, 19,795
7. Islanders 15-21, 19,293
8. Navy Wenches 4-32, 18,613

Camp Parks run to be annual event

The first camp Parks Pursuit Run will start at 8:45 a.m. Aug. 6 on Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (Camp Parks) located off I-580 near the Hopyard/Dougherty Road exit in Dublin, Calif.

Camp Parks has long been used as a training facility for soldiers assigned to the Presidio. Many Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers train and attend professional development classes there.

Cosponsored by the Association of the United States Army, the event will feature 10- and 5-kilometer runs. Participants may also walk the courses. Both courses will begin and finish at the post gymnasium parking lot.

The 10k, U.S.A. Track Federation certified course winds on scenic paved roads throughout Camp Parks, going off road for about ½ a kilometer before returning to paved roads to the finish line. The 5k run will follow some of the 10k route but will keep runners on the paved roads.

Runners/walkers will be separated into divisions by age. Running categories for the 10k will include runners 19 years and younger, 20 through 29, 30 through 39, 40 through 49, 50 through 59, and 60 years and older. Categories for the 5k will include runners 12 and younger, and 13 and older.

Trophies will be awarded to the best overall male and female finishers in the 10k and to the first three male and female finishers in the 5k, 12 years and younger. Medals will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in each age group. There will be no awards for the 5k 13 years and older division.

The award ceremony will be held in the gym's parking lot following the race.

Pre-registration is $15, postmarked before July 30. Late and race day registration is $18. Registration forms should be mailed to:
PRFTA, Attn: RACE, Bldg. 611, Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568.

Make checks payable to: Camp Parks MWR. The first 150 entrants receive a commemorative T-shirt with their runner's packet on race day, while all others will receive their T-shirts in the mail after the race.

For more information, call **(510) 829-5551**.

Presidio Community Column

News briefs

Newcomers' Orientation

The Presidio Newcomers' Orientation briefing and historical tour is sponsored by Army Community Service on the third Friday of every other month. The July briefing will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today, at the ACS Conference Room in Building 103-B. This briefing is provided for all new military and civilian personnel and their spouses assigned to units or to Presidio housing within the last 120 days.

Information about installation services, to include TRICARE Prime, dental services and the new Dependent Dental Plan, household claims, and earthquake preparedness to name a few, will be addressed. A bus tour of the installation will follow, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Family members are encouraged to attend with or without their sponsor. **Free child care is provided.** Family Child Care (FCC) registration fees are waived for the Newcomers' Program. However, all children will be required to have current immunization cards. Reservations for no-cost child care are need to be made by close of business today. CDC reservations can be made by calling **561-6004**. For information, contact Vickie Crider at **561-5256**.

Community flea market

This is a one-time opportunity! Don't miss this chance to get rid of all those items you no longer need. The Presidio Community Flea Market runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 6. Everyone is invited to attend the flea market. However, only military ID card holders are eligible to sell items or to reserve a space. The sale will be held in the main post parking lot across from Infantry Barracks and in front of the Bowling Alley parking lot. Reserve your space today! Registration is being held at Army Community Service, Building 103-B, during normal duty hours. For information, call **561-4894**. See you there!

Unused office supplies

Too often, individuals (military or civilian) are involved with the wrongful disposition of office supplies and other durable items. It has been reported that these items are being thrown in the dumpsters. This is wrong and should be avoided. Military and government employees at the Presidio are reminded that all government property must be turned in to the Consolidated Property Book Office, Building 924, for disposition. Serviceable office supplies should be delivered to Building 901 for re-issue to government activities and/or agencies. Please coordinate the turn-ins by calling **561-5381/3655**.

Laundry facility closure

A farewell ceremony with notes of appreciation, congratulations and recognition for the fine support to units and the soldiers in the Bay area by the Laundry Facility employees was held June 30. Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army Commanding General, Col. Giles Crider, Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff, and Barbara Gannon, Garrison Chief of Staff, were all present when RoseMary Olson-Jackson, Luis Rea, Richard Hopkins, Chester Lee, Chan Chau, Peter Nalcot, Dennis Burns, Elena Falag'i and Meki Hall received awards for their support and excellent performance.

Soccer sign-ups

Sign up for PSF Intramural Soccer at the Youth Center now through Aug. 5.

PSF Intramural Soccer will begin Aug. 15 and run through Oct. 31. PSF Intramural Soccer will focus on instruction, with strong emphasis on self-esteem and being a team player.

If you are a family member, 6 to 19 years old, PSF Intramural Soccer wants you! All you need is the desire to play. Cost is $10, payable upon sign-up. Sign up Monday through Saturday at the Youth Center, Building 386. Call **561-5143** for information.

Youth Services is also seeking people interested in coaching youth soccer. Coaching qualifications include the ability and desire to work with children and a sound knowledge of soccer. Volunteers must be active duty, a family member, or DoD civilian. If you are interested in volunteering, call **561-5143** or stop by the Youth Center, Building 386.

"Troops to Teachers"

Dr. John Straupel, Director of Education with the Department of Defensne Dependents Schools will discuss the "Troops to Teachers" program from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Civilian Personnel Training Room, Building 37. No reservations are required. For information, call Margaret Hamilton at **561-2405**.

Park Service job openings

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is recruiting for the following positions. Call **556-2035** for information on application procedures.

Supervisory Park Ranger (South District), GS-0025-12. Announcement GOGA-94-63 closes Aug. 4.

Supervisory Park Ranger (North District), GS-0025-12. Announcement GOGA-94-62 closes Aug. 4.

Environmental Protection Specialist (Hazardous Material Coordinator), GS-0028-11. Announcement GOGA-94-61 closes Aug. 4.

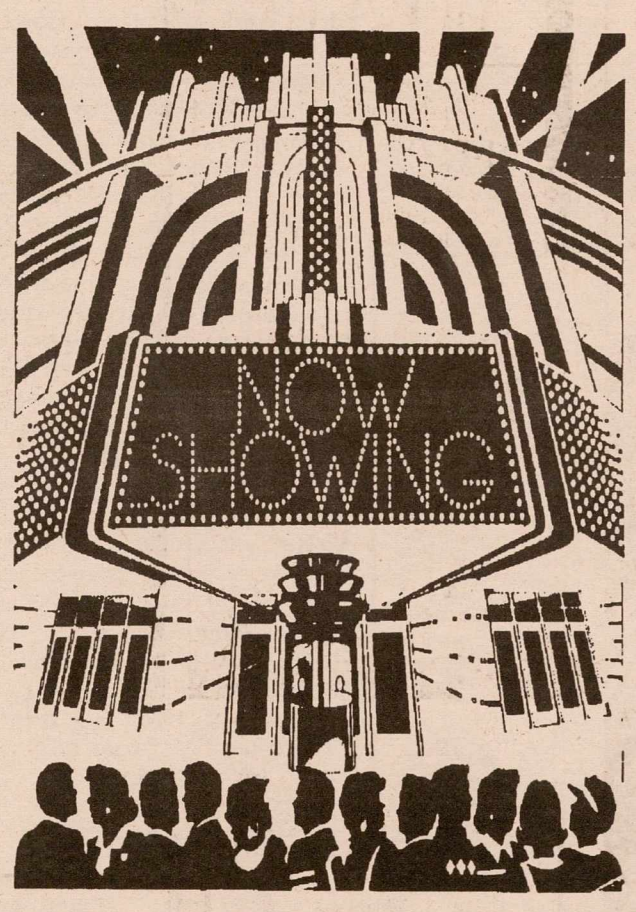
Budget Assistant (OA), GS-561-06. TWO POSITIONS. Announcement GOGA-94R-42.

Maintenance Worker Leader, WL-4749-05. Announcement GOGA-94-64 closes Aug. 4.

Maintenance Worker, WG-4749-05. Announcement GOGA-94-64 closes Aug. 4.

Exploratorium news

Rock and roll expert and record collector Wade Wright brings a Scopitone music movie player to the Exploratorium, on view on the museum floor from noon to 4 p.m., Aug. 13 and 14. The coin-operated Scopitone features a revolving carousel reel of films and was seen in hotel lobbies, bowling alleys, bus terminals, and cocktail lounges of the 1950's. Based on the idea of a jukebox but with a visual dimension, the Scopitone showed musicians of the day from Debbie Reynolds to Neil Sedaka performing their hit songs. Wright will demonstrate the mechanism of this MTV precursor and play some tunes, including Nancy Sinatra singing ***These Boots are Made for Walking.***



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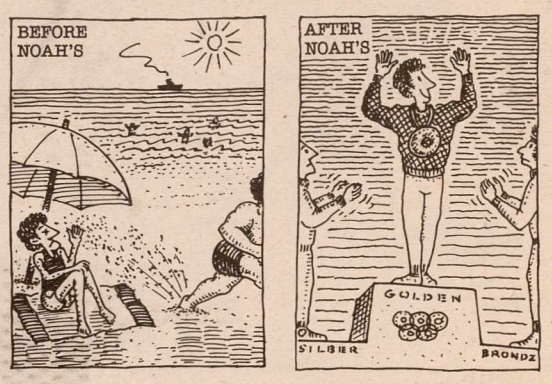

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Town hall questions about NAF answered by CPO

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

A recent "Town Hall" question concerned the difference between a **temporary** and a **term** appointment. A big "thank you" to the Civilian Personnel Office for providing the answers.

A term appointment is a nonstatus appointment to a position in the competitive service for a specified period exceeding one year and lasting not more than four years. A term appointment does **not** confer competitive status, and you are not eligible for transfer to other agencies or reinstatement.

Term employees may be promoted, demoted, detailed or reassigned within the time limit of their appointment to other positions which the agency determines are appropriate for filling by term appointment. Term employees can work full- or part-time work schedules and are eligible for pay increases (within-grade increases) upon satisfying the required waiting period. All term employees must serve a one-year trial period, including those employees appointed on the basis of reinstatement eligibility. Term employees are covered by RIF procedures and are placed in Tenure Group III. Agencies are not required to use RIF procedures to separate term employees when their appointments expire.

Term employees are eligible for coverage under the Federal Employees Retirement System, Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program.

Term employees earn annual leave and sick leave. How much leave you earn depends on your length of Federal service. Employees with less than three years of Federal service earn four hours of annual leave per two-week pay period. With three to 15 years of service, employees earn six hours of leave per pay period, and with more than 15 years of service employees earn eight hours per pay period. Employees earn four hours of sick leave per pay period regardless of length of service.

Term employees have the protection in adverse actions of 5 U.S.C. 4303 and 5 U.S.C. 7511, except while serving in a trial period and upon expiration of their term appointments.

Temporary employees do not acquire competitive status or serve a probationary period. They are not eligible for promotion, reassignment or transfer to other jobs but may be detailed to another position in the agency which meets the criteria for temporary employment.

Temporary employees are not eligible for coverage under the Civil Service Retirement System, the Federal Employees Retirement System, or the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program. In certain cases, an employee serving under temporary appointment may be eligible to continue such coverage when the temporary employment follows, without a break in service in excess of three days, employment in a covered position. Temporary employees are also ineligible for coverage under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program until they have completed at least one year of current, continuous service.

Temporary employees are not covered by adverse action procedures even when converted to a new temporary appointment with total service extending beyond one year, because each temporary appointment is always limited to one year or less. Nor are they competing employees under reduction-in-force procedures. Temporary employees may be terminated at any time upon notice in writing from the employing agency.

Temporary employees are eligible to work on a part-time, intermittent or full-time basis but are not eligible for within-grade increases when serving in a General Schedule position — even when the employee has been extended beyond one year.

Temporary employees earn leave (except military leave) when appointed to a position with a regularly-scheduled tour of duty — either part-time or full-time. All regularly scheduled temporary employees earn sick leave, and those whose appointments are made for more than 90 days also earn annual leave.

Temporary employees are subject to the rules applicable to reemployed annuitants if the appointee is receiving an annuity from the civil service retirement and disability fund. They may be selected from registers, outside the register procedures, reinstatement or noncompetitive appointment eligibility, special needs, or the disability status of the appointee. An agency may use whichever authority is appropriate and feasible in a particular circumstance.

Civilian Personnel also had some important information for non-appropriated fund (NAF) employees. All NAF personnel employed at the Presidio Officers' Club, Yacht Club, Guesthouse/TDY Transient Billeting, Youth Services, and the U.S. Army Golf Course will be transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash. (transfer of function). The Civilian Personnel office has asked that, if Fort Lewis plans to establish additional NAF jobs, they do so now so that surplus employees may be matched with the positions. At this time, no response has been received.

Each Business Based Action letter issued to NAF employees who are being separated will include a statement about applying for Civil Service positions and which tells them how to find additional information on application procedures.

As separation letters are issued, NAF employees are asked to identify installations in their commuting area to which they would like their names referred for priority consideration. These lists are sent to the installations requested.

The Job Resource Center will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow. The Center is located in the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37.

If you have been too busy to get away from your job to work on an SF-171, resume, or KSA's, this is your chance. Make your appointment now by calling **561-2554**.

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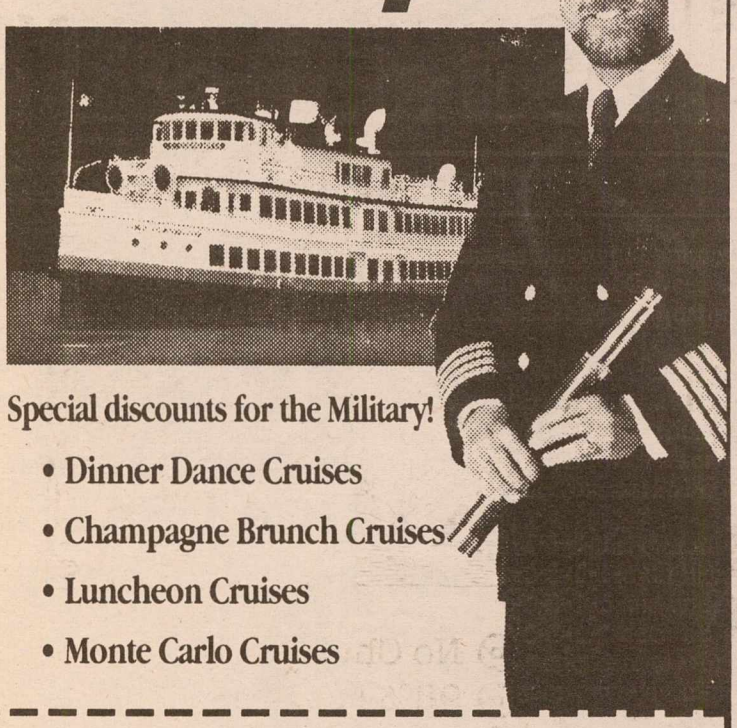

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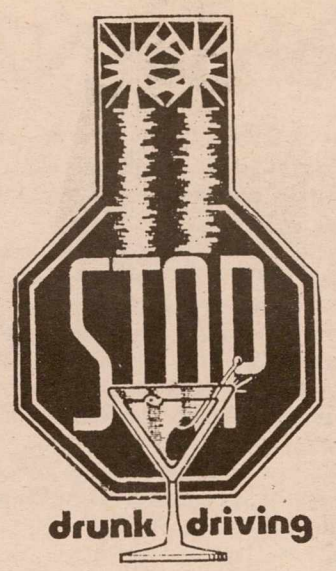

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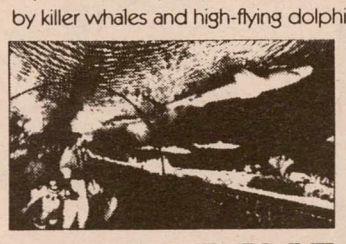

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Transition column

Town Hall question about PPP, Job Assistance Center programs here

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

This week's transition column starts off with the answer to another "Town Hall" question concerning the Priority Placement Program. Thanks to the Civilian Personnel Directorate for this explanation of the differences between PPP enrollment before and after an employee is off the rolls.

Employees may **opt** for early registration in the Department of Defense PPP. Under early registration, if employees register **outside** the community area **and they decline a valid job offer**, they are removed from the Program. Once they receive a specific notice of separation, if they are entitled to severance pay, they would again be registered in the PPP under the involuntary registration provisions which are designed to obviate severance pay. In this case, the registration would be limited to the commuting area and must be for the **current grade and two grades lower**. If, under early registration, employees limit their area of referral to the commuting area and decline a valid job offer, they are removed from the Program. Upon receipt of a specific notice of separation, **if they are entitled to severance pay**, they would again be registered in the PPP in the commuting area for two grades below their current grade level to obviate severance pay. Succinctly, the second registration is strictly controlled under the involuntary registration provisions.

Two groups who decline offers under early, voluntary registration are ineligible to re-register upon receipt of a specific notice:

-- Employees who are being separated but are not entitled to severance pay.

-- Employees who are offered and accept a change to lower grade under the Reduction-In-Force (RIF).

The PPP is invoked while eligibles are still employed. Displaced employees with career/career-conditional status and excepted employees with personal career/career-conditional status or excepted Civilian Intelligence Personnel Management System (CIPMS) employees covered under the Personnel Interchange Agreement between DoD and the Office of Personnel Management whose job performance and conduct are satisfactory under the registering activity's performance evaluation system and who meet one of the following criteria may be registered:

-- Employees who are to be adversely affected by RIF or declination of functional transfer. Such employees include part-time, intermittent, seasonal or on-call employees with status as described above, as well as employees scheduled for furlough for six months or more.

-- Full-time employees who decline a part-time position offered under RIF procedures or such employees who decline a part-time position at the losing activity following declination of an out-of-area functional transfer. Such employees being separated after declining the part-time job offers will have PPP registration eligibility just as though the part-time work had not been offered.

-- Employees who are eligible for and take Discontinued Service Retirement as a result of RIF or declination of functional transfer and who are still interested in continued employment. Registration must be effected prior to the date of retirement.

-- Employees eligible for Optional Retirement but who are also eligible for and elect to take Discontinued Service Retirement under the conditions cited above, provided they desire continued employment within DoD.

-- An otherwise eligible registrant who resigns but desires continued Federal employment. (Release date should be one year from resignation date if a resignation occurs prior to scheduled separation.)

Employees occupying excepted service positions who do not have personal competitive status may register in the PPP for excepted service positions. A qualifier must be included in the registration to show "Available for Excepted Service Position Only." Employees occupying positions in the CIPMS are not restricted to registering for Excepted Service positions only. However, a statement, "Excepted Service -- CIPMS," must be included in the registration.

When a registrant agrees to be available for a sufficient number of activities outside his/her commuting area that use his/her skills and which will provide a reasonable opportunity for placement, the requirement to register two grade or pay levels below the current grade does not apply. Under these circumstances, the person becomes subject to the provisions affecting a voluntary registrant. However, if the registrant declines a valid offer which does not take away the severance pay entitlement, the involuntary registration provisions apply for the remainder of the registration period during which expansion beyond the commuting area is not authorized.

If it is determined that an activity does not employee the registrant's skills, involuntary registration should not include that activity. An employee will not be involuntarily registered if there are no activities within the employee's commuting area that utilize the employee's skills.

The separation date for involuntary registrations is the date the employee is to be separated from the activity rolls. The release date will be 12 months following the date the registrant is to be separated from activity rolls.

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Involuntary registrants may not expand the area of availability beyond the commuting area **after the separation date** without approval from the Zone Coordinator.

The civilian personnel office of the registering activity will determine which activities are considered to be within the employee's commuting area. **Each determination will be made on an individual basis,** based upon residence, availability and cost of public transportation, convenience and adequacy of highways, and travel time required to go to and from work. If problems are encountered in determining commuting area for an employee being involuntarily registered, assistance can be obtained from Regional or Zone Coordinators.

Registration outside of the employee's commuting area is voluntary on the part of the employee. However, persons who are registered only for activities within the commuting area may **not** expand the area of availability to activities outside the commuting area after the separation date without approval from the Zone coordinator. All employees should be counseled that all skills and grade levels will be referred to all activities for which registered, including activities which utilize the skills which are determined to be in the employee's commuting area.

If a registrant who does not have severance pay entitlement declines any valid offer, whether outside or within the commuting area, he/she will be removed from PPP.

The regulations governing grade and pay retention state that if an employee has a break in service of three workdays or more, eligibility for grade and pay retention is lost. Therefore, if you go off the rolls on one workday and receive a PPP job offer after your three workday break in service, you are not eligible for grade and pay retention. Your rate of pay in the new position will be determined by local reinstatement policy.

JAC is back with more counseling time, extra classes and computers.

Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP)/Job Assistance Center (JAC) is offering **one-to-one job search counseling** for transitioning military and civil service employees and their family members. If you need help defining your goals and job search strategy, writing an effective resume or preparing for interviews, call **(408) 242-7907** to schedule an appointment. Counseling will be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the second floor of Building 37.

Use the portable **JAC-in-the-Box** to review the Army Employer Alumni network, check the View Ads for currently available jobs or to prepare a polished, professional resume. The computers will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, also on the second floor of Building 37.

A workshop on the **job search process** starts at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the same location. The workshop runs until noon. The JAC will conduct a workshop in **interviewing strategies** during the same time frame Wednesday. To register for either, or both, call **561-2554**.

Final DPW column

Summer Cleanup announced, Customer Relations rep leaves

By Cindy Agness
DPW Customer Relations

An installation-wide summer cleanup will fun from Aug. 8 to 19. All area and unit coordinators must attend a meeting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the Building 220 Conference Room.

The first week will be spent sprucing up administration and common use areas. The second week will be devoted to the housing areas and their common use grounds. The cleanup period for the housing area is from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. according to the following schedule:

Aug. 16: 1-100, 200, 300, 1500, 1700 areas.

Aug. 17: 400, 500, 800, 900, 1000, 1100 areas.

Aug. 18: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1800 areas.

Aug. 19: 700 area, Presidio of San Francisco; 500, 600, 800 areas, East Fort Baker.

It is time to bid a fond farewell as this will be the last Directorate of Public Works "corner of information." Due to the downsizing of the installation and the transfer of the maintenance functions under the auspices of Fort Lewis, Wash., and Navy Public Works, I have been reassigned to another position with DPW beginning Monday. The position of Customer Relations Specialist within the Presidio DPW will then be vacant. Though many of you found it hard to believe, I thoroughly enjoyed my job and all it entailed. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these stressful times. It has been a pleasure working with and for you.

Please direct your requests for service orders and assistance to the Navy Public Works service order desk at **556-3643**.

TO THE PRESIDIO COMMUNITY:

I would like to thank Ms. Agness for the superb support she has provided to the installation and the DPW as our Customer Relations Specialist. I know we will all miss her in this position but her talents are needed in other areas within the DPW. Therefore, beginning Monday, she will no longer serve as the Customer Relations Specialist. All maintenance problems previously handled by Ms. Agness will be resolved by the Fort Lewis sub-installation commander and his staff.

Col Frank P. Janecek
Director, Public Works

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Presidio Pulse

Soccer sign-ups

Sign up for PSF Intramural Soccer at the Youth Center now through Aug. 5.

PSF Intramural Soccer will begin Aug. 15 and run through Oct. 31. PSF Intramural Soccer will focus on instruction, with strong emphasis on self-esteem and being a team player.

If you are a family member, 6 to 19 years old, PSF Intramural Soccer wants you! All you need is the desire to play. Cost is $10, payable upon sign-up. Sign up Monday through Saturday at the Youth Center, Building 386. Call **561-5143** for information.

Youth Services is also seeking people interested in coaching youth soccer. Coaching qualifications include the ability and desire to work with children and a sound knowledge of soccer. Volunteers must be active duty, a family member, or DoD civilian. If you are interested in volunteering, call **561-5143** or stop by the Youth Center, Building 386.

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Saturday - The Cowboy Way (PG-13)
Sunday - Maverick (PG)
Aug. 5 - The Princess & The Goblin (G)
Aug. 6 - Getting Even With Dad (PG)
Aug. 7 - The Flintstones (PG)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

Bowling

Intramural finals held 3 p.m. Tuesday

Reno Fun League

A quartet of teams jockeyed for the top positions in the league over the past two weeks and Seven/Eleven came out on top with a 28-16 record after 33 games.

For you math majors, each team receives one point for each victory in a three game series. The team that knocks down the most pins receives the fourth point, which is why the league's won-lost record is 11 higher than games bowled.

On July 18 Seven/Eleven's Lee Hopkins and Val Camacho were the stars of the week. Hopkins bowled a 214 game and a 605 series, and Camacho rolled 190 for one game while compiling a 494 series.

Seven/Eleven teammates Bobbie Gascon tossed a 202 and Rick Camacho added a 201 game to help their team rise from third to second place.

The team's climb continued the following week. Monday, Gascon bowled a 242 game in a 625 series and was named the male star of the week, Rick Camacho bowled a 231 game and Hopkins rolled a 213 to help vault Seven/Eleven into first place over the Four Tops by less than 500 pins.

Barbara Bagley of the Strokers rolled a 199 game during her 552 series and was named the other star of the week. Her team is one of three that are battling for fourth place.

Standings, week 11

Team, won-lost, total pins

1. Seven/Eleven 28-16, 24,641
2. Four Tops 28-16, 24,171
3. Family Affair 26-18, 23,719
4. Pai Gow Pokers 22-22, 24,383
5. Strokers 22-22, 24,191
6. The 4 Rollers 22-22, 21,989
7. Active Retirees 17-27, 22,148

Hui O Hawaii League

Barbara Bagley bowled games of 232, 227 and 222 for a 681 series and teammate Don Banks tossed a 257 game July 22 to help The Stakers maintain its 4½ game lead over Lil' Kolohe II after 30 games. Bagley's outstanding series earned her the recognition of being one of the stars of the week. She has a 0 handicap.

Both teams picked up four points in league competition.

The Four Tops picked up three points and bumped Whom Knows? from third place. The Four Tops' Mel Washington rolled games of 256 and 205 during his 630 series and was named one of the stars of the week.

The Four Tops earned three league points while Whom Knows? picked up only one point.

Other 200 bowlers included: Rick Camacho, Lil' Kolohe II, 206; and Bud Fleming, Whom Knows?, 203.

Standings, week 10

Team, won-lost, total pins

1. Stakers 31-9, 22,754
2. Lil' Kolohe II 26.5-13.5, 22,358
3. Four Tops 25-15, 22,110
4. Whom Knows 23.5-16.5, 22,149
5. Up Your Alley 20-20, 21,886
6. High Rollers 15-25, 21,882
7. Islanders 15-25, 21,392
8. Navy Wenches 4-36, 20,648

Intramural Summer League

The Intramural League's finals will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Presidio Bowling Alley. A trophy presentation will follow the championship.

Rod Hangka of the Community Recreation Division and Barbara Bagley of Command Group were named the stars of the 10th week. Hangka bowled games of 222 and 213 while accumulating a 616 series to lead the men, and Bagley rolled a 230 game and 580 series, tops for the women in the league.

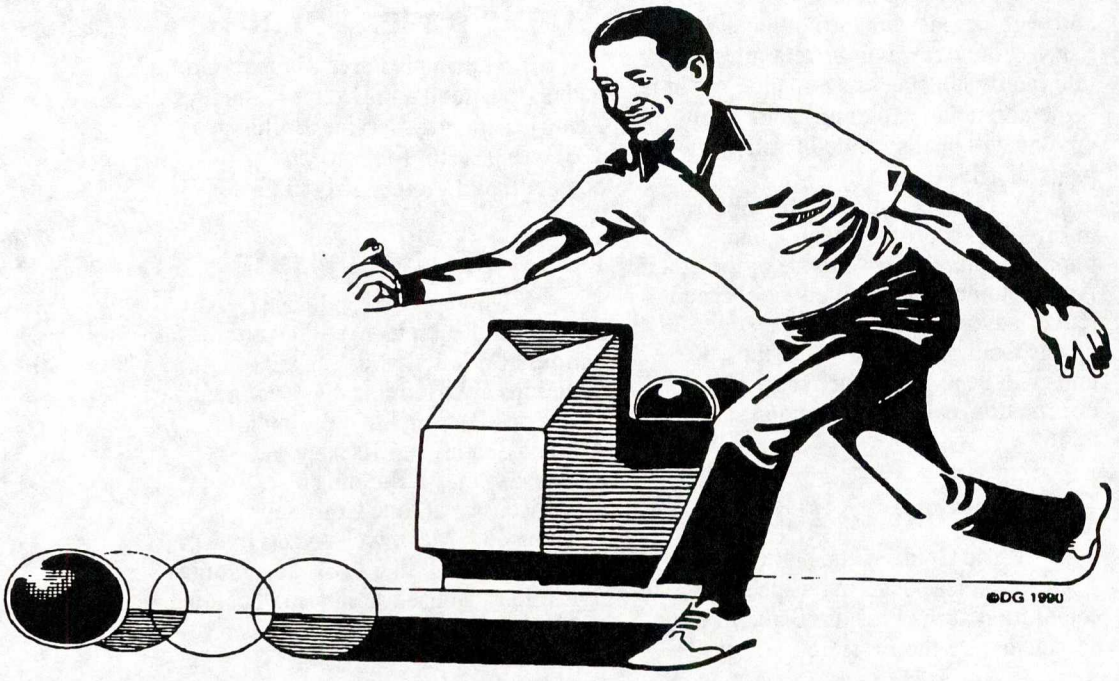
Felix Mallorca of Readiness Group-PSF bowled a 225 game. For the season, Bagley leads all women bowlers with high scratch and handicap game scores of 244 and high series scratch and handicap scores of 636. Bagley holds a 0 handicap in all three leagues.

RG-PSF picked up two points to remain in first. Second place RTD earned three points and is three points behind RG-PSF. This race makes Tuesday's finals that much more important. Command Group, in third place, picked up two points and is five games out of first place.

Standings, week 10

Team, won-lost, total pins

1. RG-PSF 31-9, 16,871
2. RTD 28-12, 16,349
3. CMD GRP 26-14, 16,757
4. ORE #I 23-17, 16,607
5. CRD Sports 22.5-17.5, 16,412
6. ORE #II 18-22, 15,812



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Retirement Services

Re-opened office serves Presidio's retiree community

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
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Gordon S. "Corky" Francis is the post's new retirement services officer.

Retirees now have a full time retirement services officer on post to advise them on issues that affect their life styles.

"The key to Retirement Services is to provide information to the post's retiree community," Gordon S. "Corky" Francis, retirement services officer, said.

The Retirement Services Office, Building 87, gives assistance to retirees and their widows throughout California and Nevada. The office was not fully manned for three months before Francis arrived at the Presidio of San Francisco. I Corps at Fort Lewis, Wash., is the proponent agency for retirement services in the Sixth U.S. Army area.

Francis advises soldiers about the pre-retirement process. He also gives retirement briefings which include information about transportation of household goods from the duty station, and Veterans Administration, CHAMPUS and transition benefits. Transition benefits include the Job Assistance Center, the Army Career and Alumni Program, and the Army's Permissive TDY program and how it works.

"Retiring soldiers need to learn how to prepare their résumés and how to circulate them," Francis said. "We also act as intermediaries between retirees and the Army Finance and Accounting Center."

Francis is responsible for implementing the installation's survivor benefits program, in which the spouse of a deceased veteran gets a percentage of the vet's retirement pay after the soldier's death. This is similar to an insurance annuity. Retirees in the area should see Francis to make sure their survivor benefits are up to date. Although he is running a one-man shop, Francis said that retirees have more than one source to handle retirement issues.

Retirees can also count on the services of the two retiree councils that serve their needs.

"Retirees are entitled to full benefits on a space available basis. The ideal conduit for discussing retiree issues is the retiree council," Francis said.

Francis said Retirement Services also hosts annual retiree activity days which offer information programs on retiree issues, health benefits and new programs in the Army.

There is obviously more to retiring than taking a final paycheck and walking out the gate.

"I recommend that soldiers begin the retirement process one year before their retirement date," Francis said.

Francis, 48, is a retired first sergeant who served 26 years on active duty in the Army. He served three tours in Vietnam and also served in Korea, Germany, Taiwan and Hawaii in the Military Intelligence field. He knows the Army.

Francis worked as the assistant retirement services officer in Munich, Germany, and the retirement services officer in Berlin, Germany, before coming to the Presidio with his wife Christine, daughter Mandee, 17, and son Michael, 10. Those experiences should help him maintain a viable program for retirees here.

"With the drawdown we have to do things smarter while still providing the best support possible to retirees," Francis said. Besides the post's transition situation, Francis noted some differences between working here and in Germany.

"It's a lot easier to have access to the national benefits organizations here, such as the VA. You can deal more on a one-to-one basis with the organizations here, and the response is a lot quicker for the retiree here,"

See "Retiree Services," Page 8

What happened to the paper?

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
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If you picked up last week's *Star Presidian* — a four-page, offset publication with no photographs — you were probably wondering what happened! Well, here's your answer to that question.

The commercial publisher with whom we had a contract is now in bankruptcy proceedings and, without notice, halted publication of the paper. When we finally learned what happened, we had one day to get something out; hence, the little paper that you saw.

With the new equipment that the Public Affairs Office has just received, this week's publication represents the *Star Presidian's* new look. We're a little limited on space but will do our best to get in as much news and information as possible.

Please continue to submit your letters to the editor, photographs and other contributions. They will be published on a "space available" basis. The deadline is noon on the Friday before the week you would like the information published. The newspaper staff thanks you for your patience and understanding.

Say goodbye to SF 171

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

"Taps" will sound for SF 171 — the application form for federal jobs — Dec. 31.

The federal government will no longer print or stockpile the venerable form after that date.

Still, don't feel bad if you've just spent money for SF-171 computer software. Applicants will have the option of using the old form, said Office of Personnel Management officials.

OPM Director Jim King said his agency published a proposal ending the SF-171 in the June 22 *Federal Register*. Officials expect the proposal to be final following a 30-day comment period and Office of Management and Budget approval.

"The intent of the proposal is to make it easier for people to apply for federal jobs," King said. "The SF-171 is too cumbersome and sends the wrong message when we are trying to move to a more customer-friendly and flexible system."

Agencies should begin phasing in SF-171 alternatives this year. DoD officials said they will be ready with SF-171 alternatives by Jan. 1, 1995.

Next year applicants will have the option of using a resume, an electronic file or a written format. Applicants for certain hard-to-fill jobs can already apply over the telephone.

OPM will assist agencies with the change to computerized and telephone hiring systems. Agencies choosing not to invest in computer or telephone hiring systems can hire OPM as a contractor to process applications and provide other services.

OPM officials said the new proposal highlights the agency's commitment to simplify the application process through computerized hiring. Job seekers will use a pencil to mark answers about their qualifications on computer-scannable forms and send them in with their resumes. Applicants without resumes can complete a mini-form that will be provided upon request.

OPM officials said the new format will save time for both applicants and personnel offices. The average federal job seeker takes at least eight hours to complete an SF-171, according to Mary Ann Maloney, an agency spokesperson. But the applicant isn't the only one inconvenienced. "Even a good personnel specialist can take up to 90 minutes processing an SF-171," she added.

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Ask Presidians

Questions for the Garrison Commander

Kim Pittman, co-owner, Presidio Gifts & Books: "I'd like to know what the future holds for the shops in the PX Mall. There is a demand for what we offer."

Spc. Edward Jenkins, personnel records specialist assigned to the Post Mail Room: "How can we get more information and more assistance out or our Personnel Actions Center, such as a permanent change of station briefing? Some of us are at our first duty station and we know nothing about PCS moves."

Ellen Tilis, barber, PX Barbershop: "All of our customers have been asking how long the barbershop will remain operational. I've been on this post for 15 years, so I'd like to know, too."

Spc. Alexander Calinagan, Sixth U.S. Army Protocol section: "Will cabinets or sinks be installed in the kitchenettes in the barracks?"

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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New Letterman phones

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The new Patient Service center's numbers are x3100/3102/3104. The FAX is x3108. Other phone numbers will remain as they were in the past. As these numbers are changed, a directory will be published. For emergencies and ambulance response, continue to call **561-5656**.

Ed Center move

During the week of Aug. 22, the Presidio Education Center will move from Building 1216 to Building 682 (Religious Activity Center). The number for counseling, testing and MOS Library Services at the new facility is **561-3189**.

Spouse Club meeting

The Presidio Spouses Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m. Monday at the Religious Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. Keep up with current happenings on the Presidio! Be a regular part of our group. If you are a military spouse living on the Presidio of San Francisco, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors!

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Aug. 14 -- Wyatt Earp (PG-13)

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Bowling

Bowling leagues battle toward finals

Hui O Hawaii Summer League

Val Camacho of Lil' Kolohe II and roving sub Felix Mallorca were named the league's stars of the week. Camacho bowled a 198 game during a 573 series July 29, but her team struggled to hold on to second place, one half game ahead of the Four Tops. The Tops picked up one point to close the gap between the two teams.

Mallorca, a roving sub, bowled a 218 game and a 593 series.

Don Banks bowled a 213 game and Barbara Bagley rolled a 201 game to help the Stakers expand their league lead by three points. The Stakers are 7 and one-half points above Lil' Kolohe II in the standings.

The Islanders picked up two game points and vaulted over the High Rollers to take over sixth place, thanks in large part to Slanders' bowler Alex Cabugos, who bowled a 226 game, the top score for the week. Rod Hangka of Whom Knows? rolled a 208.

Standings after 11 weeks

Team, won-lost, total pins

1. Stakers 34-10, 24,974
2. Lil' Kolohe II 26.5-17.5, 24,585
3. Four Tops 26-16, 24,111
4. Whom Knows 25.5-18.5, 24,401
5. Up Your Alley 24-20, 24,130
6. Islanders 17-27, 23,498
7. High Rollers 16-28, 24,050
8. Navy Wenches 7-37, 22,816

Reno Summer Fun League

Rick Camacho helped Seven/Eleven break out of a tie for first place by bowling a 233 game and totalling a 621 series. Camacho was named one of the stars of the week, and Seven/Eleven picked up four points to sit alone at the top of the standings.

Barbara Bagley was named the other star of the week after bowling games of 220 and 208 during a 627 series. However, her team, the Strokers, lost out in the three-way battle for fourth place.

The 4 Rollers picked up three game points to take sole possession of fourth place behind Bob Burgoon's 209 game, even though the team has knocked down about 2,000 fewer pins than either of the two teams they were tied with. Winning must be everything.

The week's other 200 bowlers included: Morena Villanueva, Active and Retirees, 209; and Bobbie Gascon, Seven/Eleven, 206.

Standings after 12 weeks

Team, won-lost, total pins

1. Seven/Eleven 32-16, 26,900
2. Family Affair 29-19, 25,992
3. Four Tops 28-20, 26,296
4. The 4 Rollers 25-23, 24,268
5. Pai Gow Pokers 23-25, 26,636
6. Strokers 23-25, 26,462
7. Active and Retirees 21-27, 24,394

Intramural League

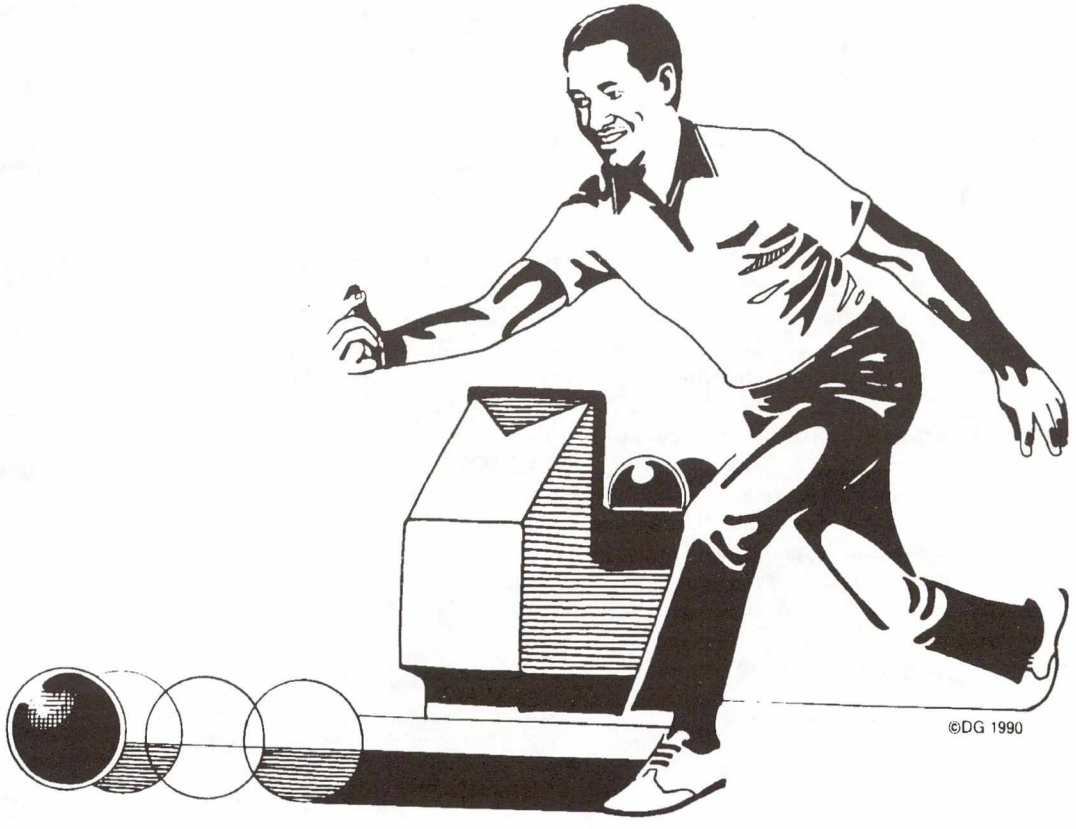
RTD closed to within two games of the first place Readiness Group-PSF team as the league completed 11 weeks of bowling July 26 and headed into Tuesday's finals. John Peterson led RTD with a 206 game and 562 series and was named one of the stars of the week. Felix Mallorca led RG-PSF with a 226 game and teammate Jim Newell rolled a 200 game.

Another prolific kegler whose name is becoming synonymous with bowling is Barbara Bagley, who plays for the Command Group in this league. Bagley tossed a 213 game during her 536 series to be named the league's other star of the week, and teammate Rich Griego rolled a 226 although their team didn't pick up any points for the week. Command Group ended the week tied with ORE #I in the won-lost column, ahead by only 105 total pins in the stats column.

Standings after 11 weeks

Team, won-lost, total pins

1. RG-PSF 34-10, 18,520
2. RTD 32-12, 18,151
3. Cmd Grp 26-18, 18,375
4. ORE #I 26-18, 18,270
5. CRD Sports 23.5-20.5, 17,973
6. ORE #II 19-25, 17,307



Transition column

Workshops offered, applicants sought for Family Child Care Director position

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Here are the dates of the last classes available through the Job Resource Center. Call **561-2554** to make reservations.

"Resume Writing Workshop," Aug. 17.

"Job Search Workshop," Aug. 18.

Remember, the Job Resource Center closes Aug. 31, so be sure to take advantage of their various programs while you still can!

Fort Lewis Civilian Personnel is currently recruiting for a **Family Child Care Director, GS-1701-09**, with duty at the Presidio of San Francisco. Announcement number 193 closes Aug. 22. Major duties are as follows:

-- Provides Family Child Care (FCC) personnel with training on the assessment of quarters-based child activity area environments and programs using the Family Day Care Rating Scale.

--Develops standard operating procedures, plans program and determines curriculum for early childhood development, with curriculum including but not limited to language development; cognitive development, social skills, self-awareness, fine and gross motor skills, arts and crafts, and music.

Candidates must have successfully completed a full four-year course of study in an accredited college or university in education or in a subject field appropriate to the work of the position. In addition, candidates must have had either two full years of graduate level education or master's or equivalent graduate degree, or one year of professional experience equivalent in the Federal Service. Appropriate education may be substituted for the required experience in accordance with OPM Qualification Standard Handbook.

Submit all application forms to Civilian Personnel Office, P.O. Box 33128, Fort Lewis, Wash., 98433-0128.

The Boy Scouts of the Presidio's Troop 77 completed a 50-mile backpack trek July 20 through 24. Nine scouts and three adult leaders conducted a trek in The Big Basin Redwoods State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Each scout (ages ranged from 12 to 17 years) planned his own menu and packed his own pack for the five-day hike. The length of each day's hike varied from a low of six miles to a high of 20.1 miles in a day. The total mileage of the trek was 54.2 miles: a real accomplishment. Adventures included the awe-inspiring redwoods and douglas firs; the abundance of many varieties of plants and wildlife; waterfalls; a close encounter with a timber rattlesnake; and beautiful views of the mountains and ocean. Scouts became proficient in cooking, reading topographic maps, proper hiking considerations, water consumption management, first aid, outdoor living and camp site selections. It was a superb five days of hiking, with all scouts completing the trek. Scouts who went on the hike were: Kevin Agness, Cody Forrest, Daniel Nelson, David Nelson, Brandon Koplin, Jason Newell, Jeremy Sauer, Alex Frix and Wade Martin. Adult leaders were Wayne Agness, Russ Forrest and Dana Seegel. (Photo courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 77)

Chapel of Our Lady closes, Catholic services move to Main Post Chapel

Father Francis X. Metzbower leads his flock into the Main Post Chapel

Father Francis X. Metzbower administers the communion sacrament (right).

Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
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The Sixth U.S. Army color guard leads the processional to the Main Post Chapel

Father Francis X. Metzbower and Chaplain (Col.) Jerry Mize, post chaplain, greet all worshippers after the processional.

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Officials said the new computer forms will take about 40 minutes for an average applicant to provide basic qualifications and another 15 minutes to answer specific questions for each agency applied to. Computer scanners can read up to 1,500 applications an hour.

King said the easiest way to apply for a job will be to review OPM's centralized list of agency job openings and follow the simple instructions given, using the computerized format.

People with computers and modems can access the list through the Federal Job Opportunities Bulletin Board at **(912) 757-3100**. Or job applicants can use touch screen computers in federal employment information centers throughout the country or in their state employment offices. TDD numbers for the hearing impaired are also available at these centers.

Vice President Albert Gore's National Performance Review recommended eliminating the form. Gore called the SF-171 "a symbol of a system that's so tied up in its own red tape that it fails to serve either the government or the applicant for a government job."

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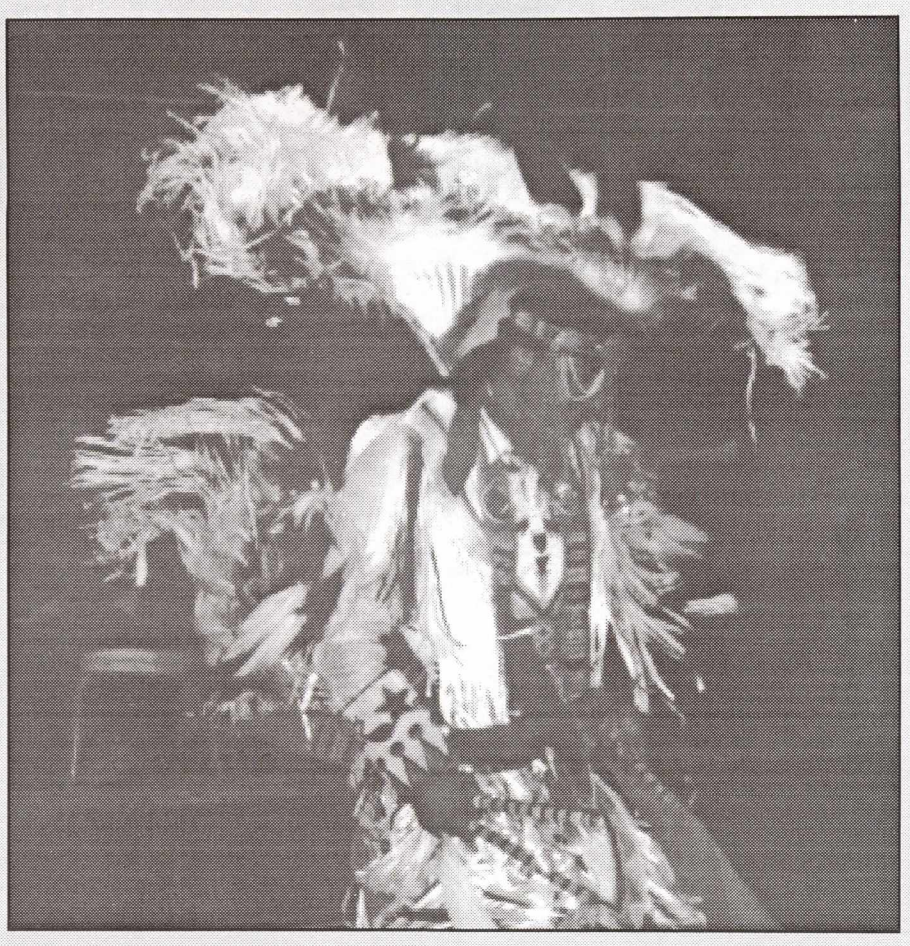
Francis said.

Retirement Services will move to Building 34, Room 102 in mid-August. The ID Card office will also move to Building 34. New phone numbers will be posted soon.



Tony Fuentes of the San Joaquin Valley Native American Dance Theatre received a standing ovation for his performance of traditional Lakota Sioux dances at the Multicultural Event held June 21 at the Presidio Community Club. (Photo by Sharon E. Everett-Roles)

Lt. Col. Anne Buhls is promoted to her new rank by Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army Commanding General, and Col. Giles Crider, chief of staff. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III)

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An aerial view of the Presidio of San Francisco (*Star Presidian* file photo)

Final Presidio footprint announced

By James L. Hudgins
Special to the Star Presidian

A final agreement was announced Tuesday that specified what the Army will retain after the Oct. 1 transition of the Presidio to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Officials from the Department of the Army and the Department of the Interior jointly announced that the Army will occupy and maintain 277 buildings. This represents approximately 1.8 million square feet of building space, or about 29 percent of the total Presidio square footage.

Facilities required for the operation of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters are being provided for an indefinite period. The headquarters will be manned by approximately 380 military and 330 civilian personnel. Certain support facilities are being provided for a five-to-seven year period, with the possibility of future extensions. Among the 277 buildings being retained are 600 housing units and barracks. About 35 military police personnel will also be retained to patrol and maintain security in Army-controlled areas.

The announcement also provided the following information:

-- Overall fire prevention, law enforcement and emergency services will be provided by the Park Service.

-- The Army will continue to manage the golf course for the next five years, with plans to gradually increase public usage during that period. After five years, the National Park Service will have the option of assuming management or permitting continued management by the Army.

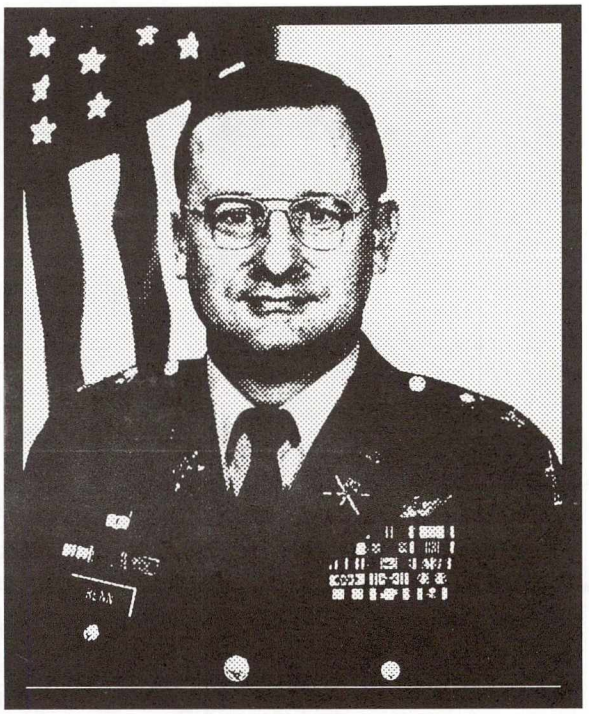
-- A medical clinic, open only to active duty military personnel, will be established in the Letterman complex but will be eventually moved to one of the historic barracks near the Lombard Gate.

-- Retail facilities, such as the Post Exchange, Commissary, Shoppette, gas station, and furniture sales store will continue to operate.

-- The buildings retained by the Army will include support facilities such as the Post Chapel, main gymnasium, swimming pool, and the Community Club.

As details become more available in the coming weeks and months, releases and additional *Star Presidian* articles will be provided to our readership and publics.

Ask The Commander



By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

This week's column brings a whole new set of concerns. We also get to hear from some of the folks who work down at the PX Mall in addition to our soldiers.

Kim Pittman, co-owner of Presidio Gifts & Books, says, "I'd like to know what the future holds for the shops in the PX Mall. There is a demand for what we offer." At this time, only the Optical Shop has decided to leave, but AAFES is working with a potential new contractor so that those services will still be offered. Other than that, all stores will be remaining as AAFES contractors.

Spc. Edward Jenkins, Personnel Records Specialist in the Post Mail Room, asked, "How can we get more information and more assistance out of our Personnel Actions Center, such as a permanent change of station briefing? Some of us are at our first duty station and we know nothing about PCS moves." In the past, PCS briefings were conducted on an individual basis at the time the soldier was alerted for assignment by their respective PAC. An additional briefing was conducted by the Military Personnel Division reassignment section prior to the PCS orders being published. Both of these briefings are now conducted by the Personnel Actions Center on an individual basis prior to the reassignment packet being sent forward to the 9th Personnel Support Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash. Any questions concerning PAC procedures or general information relating to PCS moves should be directed to your unit PAC supervisor. Those people are:

Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison/Law Enforcement Company/Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army: Staff Sgt. Armon, **561-2123**, or Staff Sgt. Dispo, **561-2126**.

Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic: Sgt. 1st Class Darden or Sgt. Smith, **561-3667/2361**.

Readiness Group, Presidio of San Francisco: Staff Sgt. Navarro, **561-6149/6121**.

Ellen Tilis, one of the PX barbers, asked, "All of our customers have been asking how long the barber shop will remain operational. I've been on this post for 15 years, so I'd like to know, too." According to the AAFES manager, the barber shop will stay open as long as the contractors are willing to perform the service. So, it looks like soldiers and retirees will be able to continue visiting the PX barber shop.

Spc. Alexander Calinagan, of the Sixth U.S. Army Protocol section, wants to know, "Will cabinets or sinks be installed in the kitchenettes in the barracks?" Yes. Each of the kitchenettes will have a sink and a counter with cabinets under it installed along one wall. Additionally, to meet fire code, a wall will be built between the kitchen area and the hallway. The contracting process has begun, and work should be completed by the end of September.

Beginning this week, the *Star Presidian* will be available ONLY in common use areas such as the Main Exchange, Commissary, Shoppette, and the Presidio Community Club. It will no longer be delivered to housing areas. If area mayors would like to deliver papers, please notify the *Star Presidian* staff one week in advance of the number of copies needed.

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Single parent group

The Single Parent Support Group meets from noon until 1 p.m. Thursdays at Army Community Service, Building 103B, room 226. For information, contact Laura Pierce, **561-4525**.

Ed Center move

During the week of Aug. 22, the Presidio Education Center will move from Building 1216 to Building 682 (Religious Activity Center). The number for counseling, testing and MOS Library Services at the new facility is **561-3189**.

Office move

The California Casualty Command has moved to Building 34, Room 104. The point of contact is Shirley Graves at **561-3688/3618**.

TRICARE news

Parents with children attending college away from home, please note that TRICARE PRIME may not be the right coverage for your child. Your son or daughter may be attending college in an area where there are few or no TRICARE PRIME providers. In such an instance, consider leaving your child on TRICARE STANDARD and obtaining supplemental CHAMPUS insurance is suggested. Choosing this plan provides more flexibility in selecting a primary care provider. For information or assistance in this matter, please call the Health Benefits Advisor at **561-3102**, or for questions regarding TRICARE PRIME call the Beneficiary Services Representatives at the CHAMPUS Service Center at **561-0650**.

Many CHAMPUS beneficiaries belonging to the TRICARE Prime Program in California will soon have the opportunity to tell Aetna Government Health Plans (AGHP) just what they think about their health care plan. AGHP, which has administered the CHAMPUS program for more than 850,000 military family members and retirees in California since Feb. 1 of this year, is taking the pulse of its beneficiaries by means of a multi-question survey which has been mailed to a random sampling of TRICARE Prime members.

The purpose of the written survey, which will collect data from TRICARE member households, is to gather input which will help AGHP evaluate customer service, medical provider service and assess future needs for programming and services, according to Robert H. Kaplan, Vice President, AGHP/CHAMPUS Division.

"We want to thank our beneficiaries for their patience and cooperation and hope that anyone who is mailed the survey will understand the importance their input will have on the process and will take a few moments of their time to participate," Kaplan said.

Retirement information

This month's retirement ceremony takes place Aug. 25. All military personnel and Department of the Army civilian employees who wish to participate in the ceremony need to visit the Retirement Services Officer, Gordon S. Francis, at Building 34, Room 102, by Aug. 14 in order to complete biographical information. Francis may be reached at **561-2866**.

AAFES holiday hours

AAFES facilities will operate on the following schedule Sept. 5 (Labor Day): **Main Store**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Shoppette**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Anthony's Pizza**, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All other facilities will be closed.

Hamilton Craft Shop

The Hidden Talents Craft Shoppe will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the month of August. Beginning in September, the hours will be Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Come browse through six rooms filled with quality handcrafted items including wearable art, woodcrafts, floral arrangements, tole painting, quilting, dolls, lapidary and the best in country crafts.

NEW CONSIGNORS interested in consigning their handcrafts are always welcome (must have military ID card).

The shop is located at 504 Palm Drive, Hamilton Field, Novato. Enter the main gate and follow the pineapple signs. Call **883-1471** during shop hours for information.

PX Council meeting

The quarterly PX Council meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Aug. 24, in the Conference Room of Building 1161, Gorgas Avenue (Exchange Administration Building). In addition to assigned members, this meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about the operation of the PX.

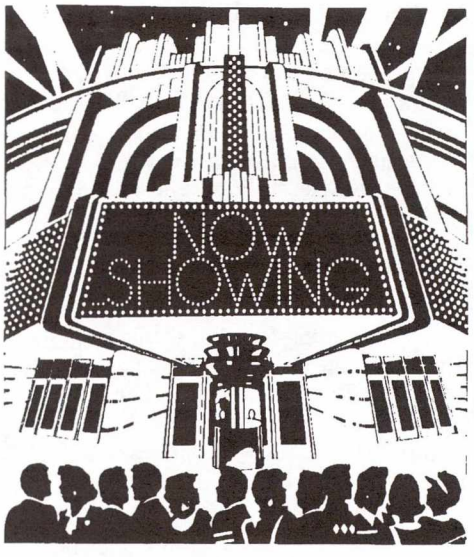
PX customers honored

Presidio of San Francisco Post Exchange customers should mark their calendars for today through Aug. 18 to shop for tremendous savings during the Customer Appreciation Days Sale.

Tom Gross, Exchange General Manager, said, "This is the largest sale of the year with savings up to 75 percent of final clearance prices on seasonal clothing." Similar savings include: 50 percent off swimsuits for men, women and children; up to 40 percent off fine and fashion jewelry; 50 percent off selected cosmetics and fragrances; up to 50 percent off selected toys; plus much more.

"This is AAFES' way of saying thanks to its customers by offering outstanding savings on everyday merchandise," Gross said. "Customers should shop early for the best selection. We have marked down this merchandise significantly in most departments throughout the store, and the customer savings are high."

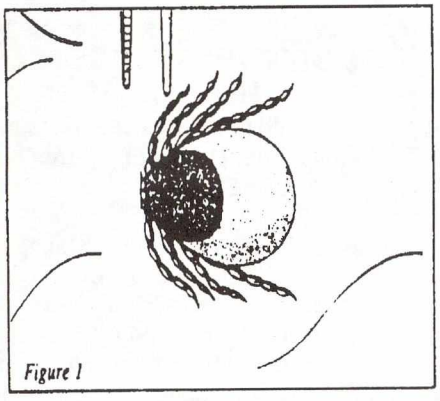
Exchange hours for this sale are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tues. through Fri., and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. and Mon.



Movies at the Presidio Theatre

Tonight -- Naked Gun 33-1/3 (PG-13)
Tomorrow -- City Slickers 2 (PG-13)
Sunday -- Wyatt Earp (PG-13)
Aug. 19. -- Little Big League (PG)
Aug. 20 -- Wolf (R)
Aug. 21 -- I Love Trouble (PG)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.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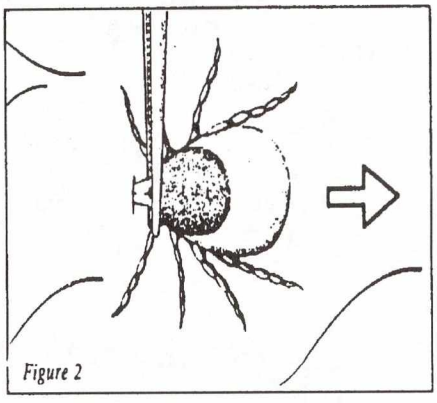
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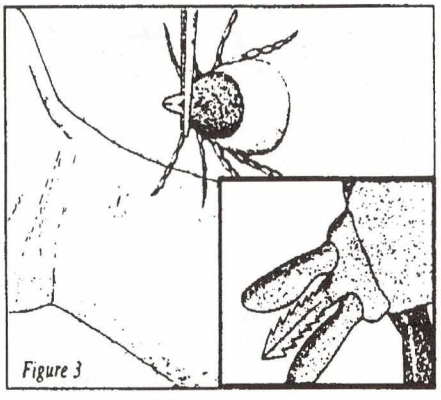
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If either you or your pet is bitten by a tick, it is very important to remove the entire insect, including the head, in order to prevent exposure to Lyme disease. Lyme disease is a flu-like disorder that usually is debilitating but can also be deadly. California is one of the states with the highest number of Lyme disease cases.

Avoiding ticks prevents debilitating Lyme disease

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Information Service

Tick season -- spring through early fall -- is in full swing across America and in many foreign countries. Being bitten by an infected tick can result in debilitating, sometimes deadly, Lyme disease, military and civilian experts warn.

Left untreated, Lyme disease can advance from early flu-like symptoms to painful and permanent damage to the joints, according to the national Centers for Disease Control. The disease can also affect the nervous system, causing numbness, pain, stiff neck and severe headache or muscle weakness in the face and limbs. Occasionally, heart irregularities occur.

The first stage of the disease begins three to 31 days after the tick bites. Symptoms can include fatigue, chills and fever, headache, muscle and joint pain or swollen lymph nodes.

Another mark of Lyme disease, researchers said, is a peculiar expanding circular skin rash in the areas where the tick bite occurred. Patch shapes vary depending on location. The rash appears mostly on the thighs, groin, trunk and armpits, and on the faces of children.

As the patch enlarges, the center may clear, giving a ring-like appearance. It may be warm but isn't usually painful. However, researchers said, some people never develop a rash.

People can pick up ticks during walks in parks, in the woods or while hiking and camping. Children are especially susceptible, because they run around in tall grass, play in wooded areas and roll on the ground, researchers noted.

The individual risk of getting Lyme disease is reasonably small. Only about 12 to 15 percent of ticks actually carry the bug. Experts said removing ticks from the body quickly may prevent a person from contracting Lyme disease. Ticks generally must feed on a person for 24 to 48 hours before the person becomes infected.

Lyme disease experts warn field troops not to wear tick and flea collars meant for dogs and cats. They don't sweat but people do, and harmful chemicals can get into the human body through sweat glands.

Named after Lyme, Conn., where it surfaced in 1975, Lyme disease has become one of the fastest-growing vector-borne diseases in the United States. The highest incidence occurs in the Northeast from Massachusetts to Maryland and in Wisconsin, Minnesota, California and Oregon. A vector is a host that passes the disease germ -- the tick, in this case. Researchers at the Armed Forces Pest Management Board note that all military recruit training areas are infested with ticks.

"Lyme is a relatively new disease, so there are lots of unknowns about it," said Dr. David Dennis, CDC's epidemiology chief in Fort Collins, Colo.. "However, some of the unknowns are getting answered through improved testing and development of new vaccines. Testing of two vaccines is complete, and field trials are under way with 10,000 volunteers in Wisconsin, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut."

Over the years a number of service members have been infected in Germany, said Dennis. "There are places in the United States where we've been concerned about service members being exposed to ticks on bases, such as the Marine base at Quantico, Va., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo."

The best way to avoid Lyme disease is to stay away from places where ticks live -- tall grass and weeds, scrubby areas, woods and leaf litter. Another good idea: Check children and pets after they've played outside.

If you can't avoid tick-infested areas, CDC experts suggest you wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants, tuck pant-legs into socks or boots, tuck shirt into pants, tape area where pants and socks meet to keep ticks out and wear light-colored clothing so ticks can be seen easily.

After being outdoors:

* Promptly remove and wash clothing.

* Inspect body carefully and remove attached ticks with tweezers, grasping as close to the head as possible and gently tugging the tick free without crushing its body. Squeezing the tick's body may force infected fluid into the wound.

* Place tick in sealed container for examination by a local health department.

* Wash the wound and apply an antiseptic.

Transition

RIF news you can use on lump sum payments

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

If you have not completed or updated your SF 171 or resume, now is the time to get it finished. Don't put it off any longer! The last day to use the Job Resource Center is Aug. 31. The Outplacement Office will also close that day. Check out the many available job opportunities. Make your appointments by calling **561-2554**.

The Civilian Personnel Office provided a correction to a previous transition column. You may remember reading in this space that employees on Priority Placement would lose grade and pay retention after a **three-day** break in service. That sentence should have read that employees would lose grade and pay retention after a **one-day** break in service. As previously published, whether an agency rehires an individual at the same pay they held before the reduction-in-force is entirely up to that agency.

Speaking of reduction-in-force actions, here is some information you can use. Again, this was provided by the Civilian Personnel Office.

Final separation payments for lump sum leave, severance pay, and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) are scheduled for processing during the pay period ending Oct. 15 with a payment date of Oct. 27 (for civilians separating Sept. 30). If an employee's regular biweekly pay is forwarded by electronic funds transfer (EFT), his lump sum annual leave payment will also be forwarded to him by EFT. If an employee receives his weekly pay by treasury check to a specific address, the lump sum leave payment will also be by treasury check to a specific address. All VSIP payments will be sent by treasury check to a specific address. The address to which the civilian payroll office will send all payments by treasury check will be the one identified on the SF 50 separating the employee.

Retirement records will be processed immediately after separation payments are completed. This process is expected to take up to three additional pay periods before completion.

You've probably already noticed that the Civilian Personnel Office front reception desk is now closed from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. Beginning today, CPO will be closed all day. Telephone messages will be taken on **561-5732,** and return calls will be made as soon as possible.

The CPO staff will be working on shipment of personnel records, Priority Placement (PPP), outprocessing employees, coordination with California State Employment Development Division for an Unemployment Benefits orientation, and other related actions necessary prior to base closure for all garrison employees.

All garrison employees need to attend the Unemployment Compensation Briefing conducted by California EDD. There will be an EDD representative here to present two one-and-a-half hour briefings on unemployment compensation eligibility and related matters for all garrison employees. The briefings will take place from 8:15 until 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. until noon, Aug. 25 in the Post Theater. The make-up briefings are at the same times on Aug. 31. All employees are encouraged to attend one of these briefings and to coordinate attendance with their immediate supervisor.

DoD announces future health care goals

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

DoD and President Bill Clinton are committed to maintaining a strong military medical system and keeping it in the hands of the military, said Defense Secretary William J. Perry.

Perry spoke in early July at TRICARE's National Capital Region change of leadership ceremony at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

DoD is the nation's second largest deliverer of health care in the country, right after the Department of Veterans Affairs, he said. "It's a big job with two goals: top-notch health care for our people and the highest level of medical readiness," Perry said.

Perry said he is personally committed to these goals because it is the right thing to do and because good health care is crucial to readiness. People in uniform put their lives on the line for their country, he said, and in return their country owes them the highest quality of life possible.

"Quality of life means support for military families who often endure unique stresses and hardships. It means quality child care, and morale, welfare and recreation programs. And it means maintaining top-notch health benefits for service members and their families," said the secretary.

Health care is a major concern of service members, he said. Service members are responsible for keeping healthy and fit, but DoD must help them by providing the best in diagnosis, treatment and preventive medicine and advice.

Perry also wants men and women in uniform to have peace of mind that DoD will care for their families when they are deployed or while serving in the United States.

"Health care is part of a sacred trust. And it's essential to a military force that's prepared to deploy at a moment's notice," said Perry. Medical readiness means maintaining a high level of medical resources and mobilizing and sustaining medical assets to support any military operation in any environment, he said.

Perry promised to preserve the military's infrastructure of quality military medical facilities. "Probably the single biggest thing I can do as secretary of defense to ensure a high level of medical readiness is set our priorities," said Perry. "And in the 1995 budget, the first one for which I am fully responsible, the health care budget increased by $200 million even as the overall force structure declined.

DoD is also seizing the opportunity to improve military medicine and reduce costs by reforming its health care system. The military is leading the nation in health care

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Soldiers from the 1st Cavalary Division, Fort Hood, Texas, offload their equipment in preparation for firefighting duty in the Northwest. Members of the active and reserve components assisted local fire suppression teams throughout the area with mop-up and other duties. Military members have assisted with this type of operation for seven of the last 10 years. (Photo by Dixie L. Porter)

Heat injuries easy to treat, prevent

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

Summer means short sleeves and shorts, baseball and boating and a variety of other combinations normally associated with sun fun. It's when vacationers shed uniforms and suits for swim attire and tank tops, brown bags for barbecues.

However, most of the summer is spent at work, dealing with daily heat and humidity. The military still conducts training outdoors, and installation support and maintenance must continue. In summer, this means service members and their leaders must take steps to prevent heat injuries. Military health officials emphasize the most important precaution is water consumption.

It's one aspect Sgt. Henry Harris of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Preventive Medicine Office can't emphasize enough. "We're telling commanders and leaders to adjust their training schedules, work in shifts and make sure people get into cool, shaded areas when they're not working," said Harris. "That helps, but with temperatures reaching 90 degrees and above, they also need at least two quarts of water an hour to prevent dehydration and heat injuries."

Harris said the advisory pertains especially to service members training in armored tactical vehicles and on hot surfaces such as airfields and motor pools. These service members need to replenish the water lost by perspiration caused by their work environment.

It also applies to off-duty activities, especially with athletic events like soccer, softball and running. The heat of competition often makes people ignore their bodies' demands. "If you know you're going to be out competing in the heat, start drinking water early and keep replenishing yourself," said Harris. "Listen to your body and help cool it."

Harris also emphasized knowing heat injury symptoms. "You have to keep an eye on your people, and that means knowing what to look for and taking the steps to prevent or treat injuries," he said.

There are three types of heat injuries -- heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Treatment for heat cramps, usually accompanied with excessive sweating, is easy. Cramps usually go away by simply moving into a shaded area, loosening clothes and slowly drinking water.

Heat exhaustion is more serious. Besides the cramps, sweating is more profuse and leaves cool, moist skin. Victims often suffer headaches, nausea, chills and a loss of appetite.

Heat stroke victims usually have not, dry skin; have stopped sweating; and suffer from headaches, dizziness, stomach pains and nausea. In severe cases, victims may have seizures, lose consciousness and experience breathing problems.

In both heat exhaustion and heat stroke cases, immediately call medical authorities. While waiting for help, provide the victim water and shade, elevate feet to prevent shock and cool the body by pouring water over the patient and by fanning.

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Summer safety

Avoid hazards, play safe at pool or beach

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

As the summer heat draws more people toward cool, refreshing pools and beaches, swimmers must use their heads for more than diving into water. The American Red Cross cautions swimmers on water hazards that could turn summer dreams to nightmares.

Ann Stingle, a Red Cross spokesperson, said swimmers need to know their limits. "There are many good swimmers, but even the best can go beyond their abilities, especially when they tire," said Stingle.

She said experienced swimmers should never tempt beginners into waters or situations beyond their abilities. Experienced swimmers should encourage novices to stay in safe waters and gradually improve their swimming. "Even in water parks, there's a lot of thrashing and splashing going on between good and inexperienced swimmers," said Stingle. "They have to realize what they can and can't do."

Besides knowing swimming limits, Stingle said, swimmers must never swim alone, especially on beaches and lakes. "There are areas that may have drastic drop offs and undertows," she said. "Some of these areas don't have working lifeguards, and many have no warning signs of the dangers."

She encouraged swimmers to know the basics of first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. She said American Red Cross chapters routinely conduct training sessions for swimmers and lifeguards.

Other hints for a safe swimming season include:

* Never swim after drinking alcohol or using medications.

* Always check the water depth. Walk in from the shore or ease in from the dock or edge of a pool.

* Don't swim if you can't see the bottom of the pool in the deep end or if the water is cloudy.

* Stay close enough to the shore or the pool's edge so you can get to it safely by yourself.

* Watch out for the "dangerous too's" -- too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much exercise.

* Always keep an eye on young swimmers.

* Obey all lifeguard instructions and respect their judgment.

* Never fake an emergency.

* Learn the proper way to dive into water.

* Never eat or chew gum while swimming.

* Wear swimming goggles only for surface swimming.

* Never rely on floating toys, air mattresses or arm bands to prevent drowning.

* Always keep a life jacket near the beach, boat or pool.

* Keep pool gates closed and locked when proper supervision is absent.

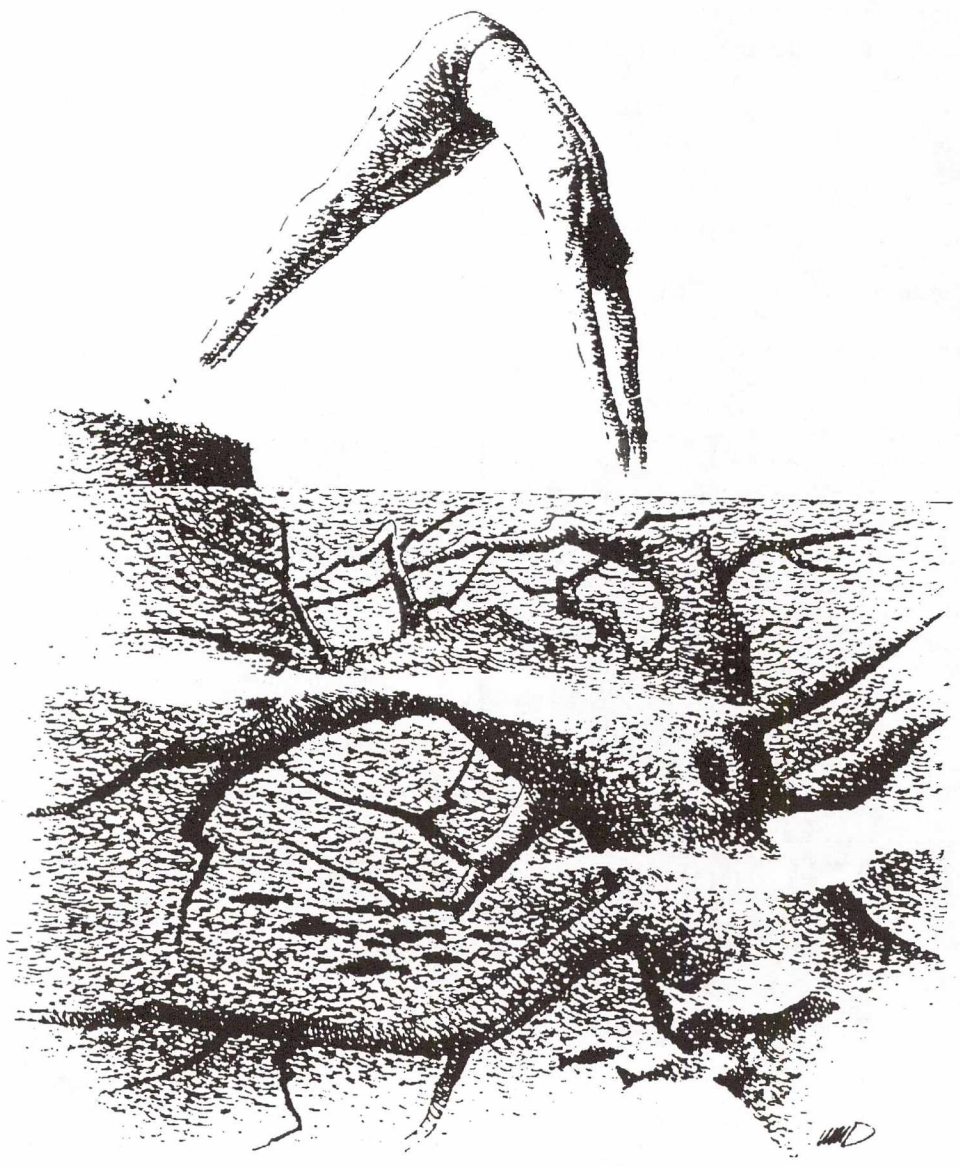
* Ensure all swimmers understand pool and beach rules.

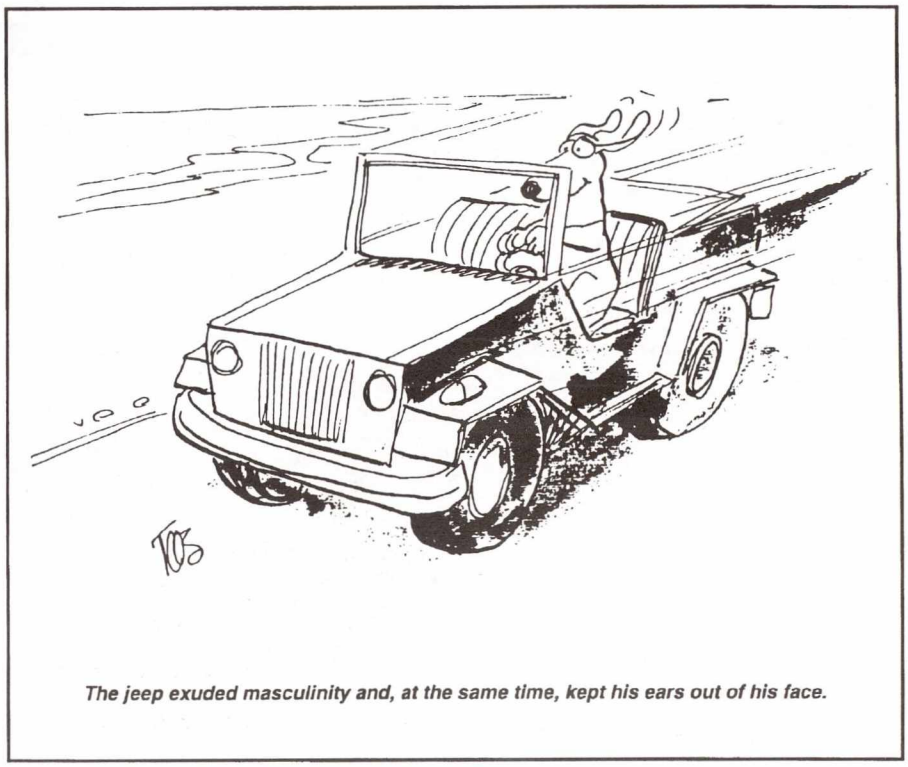
* Do not run or push near pools.

* Don't swim during thunderstorms.

* Never swim when you are ill.

For more information on swimming safety, contact your local safety office or American Red Cross chapter.





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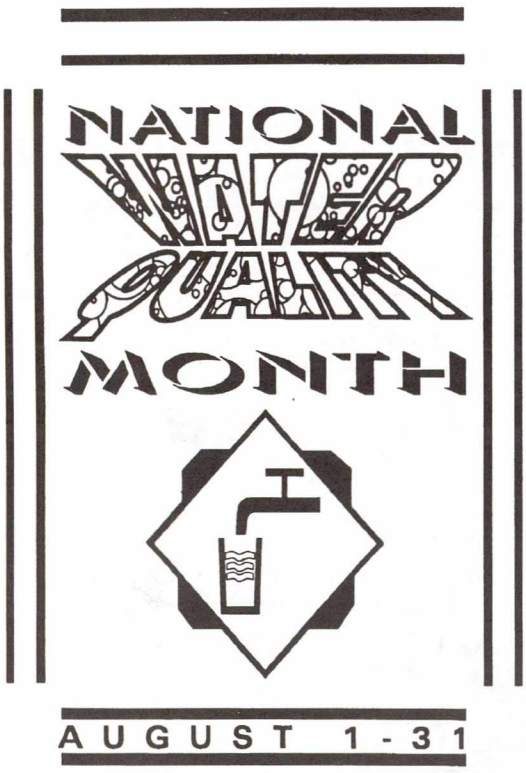

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Other suggestions for preventing heat injuries:

* Don't take salt tablets. The body may lose salt in sweating, but eating normal meals replenishes that supply.

* Drink cool water, preferably 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

* Drink one quart of water in the morning, at each meal and before strenuous work. Water requirements vary with climatic conditions and workloads. In hot climates, hourly water requirements increase to more than two quarts.

* Take frequent drinks; they are more effective than drinking the same amount all at once.

* When possible, limit work and physical fitness activities during the first few days of exposure to heat, then increase gradually to acclimate.

* Modify activities if conditions are present that increase heat injury risks. These conditions include fatigue or loss of sleep, previous heat exhaustion and taking medications.

DDP cost increase set

The Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan will increase monthly premiums Oct. 1. The increase will be felt in September paychecks, officials said.

The new monthly premium for one enrolled active duty family member will be $10, an increase of 35 cents. Active duty sponsors with two or more enrolled family members will pay $20 monthly, an increase of 70 cents.

The premium increase is the first in more than 18 months. The government pays 60 percent of the total costs of the plan for enrolled families.

Families enrolling on or after Sept. 1 will enroll at the higher premium.

There are no changes in coverage. The plan covers the full cost of exams, cleanings, X-rays and other diagnostic services, and 80 percent of basic restorative procedures such as fillings and sealants. It pays 60 percent of more complex services such as root canals, gum surgery and oral surgery. The plan pays 50 percent of the costs of crowns, dentures and bridges. It also pays 50 percent of the costs of orthodontics -- braces -- for family members under 18. Coverage is subject to limitations.

Families who go to one of the more than 117,000 participating dental offices nationwide won't pay more than the co-payment -- if any -- for covered services. DDP*Delta, the contractor operating the program for DoD, will pay participating dentists directly. Family members who choose nonparticipating dentists may be charged more for the care and may have to file claims with DDP*Delta themselves.

For more information about the plan, see the health benefits adviser at the nearest military facility.

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reform through the TRICARE military health care plans it is creating around the nation, said Perry.

By teaming each region's military medical providers, TRICARE will give wider access to quality care to people in uniform, their family members and retirees and their family members, he said. It will also cut costs by reducing overhead and duplication.

Perry said DoD plans to improve the system significantly for active duty family members, retirees and their families, and survivors. They will also be invited to join the TRICARE plan in their region, giving them access to a comprehensive package of quality, affordable benefits regardless of where they live. If they opt not to join TRICARE, they will be able to choose from among approved civilian plans. DoD also hopes to allow Medicare-eligible retirees to join TRICARE, with Medicare paying for their benefits.

"Let me also report to you today that President Clinton, who as you know is working to assure improved health care for all Americans, has personally assured me of his commitment to a strong military health system," said Perry. "And we will provide it. That is my pledge to you today."

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Soldier of the Month

LEC traffic investigator has "what it takes"to win

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

A military traffic investigator was named the Presidio of San Francisco Soldier of the Month after excelling in the competition held July 21. Later, he won the soldier of the quarter title.

Spc. Kenton E. Goolsby, Law Enforcement Company, showed the board members that he has what it takes to be named one of the post's top soldiers. The drive to excel gave him the proper motivation to succeed.

"I had to prepare for the sergeant E5 promotion board and used the company board to practice for it," Goolsby said. "After I won I went to the battalion board and I smoked the competition. Next, I scored a 200 on the E5 board(a perfect score)and I just fell into a groove."

Goolsby won the Headquarters Command Battalion Soldier of the Quarter competition one week ago.

It was not his first attempt at climbing the ladder to the post title. Goolsby, who has been assigned here for two years, had competed once before but didn't win at the battalion level. This time he went all the way.

Goolsby, a native of Pierre Part, Assumption Parish, La., came to the Presidio in June, 1992 after Advanced Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He will be leaving for Germany in November and said he wants to eventually become a state policeman in Louisiana.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Spc. Kenton E. Goolsby is Soldier of the Month for August. Goolsby is a military traffic investigator with the Law Enforcement Company here.

Goolsby's reasons for enlisting in the Army are similar to those echoed by U.S. soldiers elsewhere.

"I joined because I always wanted to," Goolsby said. "The offer of college money played a small part in my decision, but I think everyone should serve their country in some way."

Goolsby is a graduate of Assumption High, Napoleanville, La. He's finished three semesters at Columbia College and was graduated from the San Francisco Police Department Traffic Accident Investigation and Skidmark Analysis courses.

Goolsby said enjoyment of outdoor activities is common in his part of the country. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and hiking.

"Duck hunting is my favorite," he said. "Louisiana is the main state for duck hunting. It's a challenge; with a 12-gauge, you have to lead them properly."

After making a perfect score on his promotion board and winning the soldier of the month board, Goolsby is well on his way to properly leading soldiers.

The Star Presidian staff is now responsible for publishing the Weekly Bulletin. If you have items, official or unofficial, they may be sent to the Public Affairs Office via distribution or faxed to 561-2194. Submissions for the Star Presidian may be sent in the same manner.

Transition help to be made available to all DoD civilians, military members

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

Defense Department civilians working at Base Closure and Realignment installations may now use military transition assistance offices to plan their futures.

A memorandum signed by Edwin Dorn, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, encourages commanders to coordinate their transition services so both military and civilian personnel can benefit from each program.

Robert L. Stein II, DoD's transition support and services director, said the memorandum clarifies how commanders can use transition facilities to support DoD's drawdown.

"Some commanders may have thought that there were restrictions on their ability to serve their customers," said Stein. He said the commanders often thought they didn't have permission to create or consolidate programs. "This memorandum gives the military departments the authority and flexibility to look at what they're doing in their military and civilian transition programs and determine the best ways to support all transitions."

The memorandum also directs BRAC installation commanders to serve both service members and civilians on an equal basis. This means military transition assistance and local civilian personnel offices may pool their resources to find jobs for all.

Stein said examples of this include consolidating classes on interviewing and resume writing and collocating military and community transition services on a full-time or part-time basis.

He added that Defense Outplacement Referral System resumes for private sector employment, the Transition Bulletin Board and America's Job Bank could be available at both the military and civilian transition centers.

"It's to everybody's advantage to give all DoD personnel the transition assistance, information and tools they need to prepare themselves for new employment," said Paula Davis, Stein's deputy. "One of the things we do best is ease communication between job seekers and employers."

Davis said the transition program is not a job placement program. However, she said, the information offered through the outplacement referral service, bulletin board and job bank can help in making employment decisions.

Commanders at installations remaining open, but not undergoing closure or drawdown, must provide space-available transition support to civilians. Stein said many bases offer this service routinely. "There has already been a cooperative effort to consolidate transition assistance," he said. "The Army, for one, has viewed the whole (transition) issue as one total force -- military and civilians."

"Of course, there are some areas that may not be conducive to consolidation," Stein said. He refers to routine personnel functions such as civilian personnel's role in conducting priority placement programs and reductions in force and military personnel's role in providing separation and benefits information. Yet both Stein and Davis hope the memorandum will give drawdown commanders the freedom they need to consolidate drawdown efforts.

"Some installations are just beginning (to draw down), and they're not going to close for several years," said Davis. "We'd like to enable those employees to start early in looking for the next job."

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Presidio Pulse

Office move

The California Casualty Command has moved to Building 34, Room 104. The point of contact is Shirley Graves at **561-3688/3618**.

AAFES holiday hours

AAFES facilities will operate on the following schedule Sept. 5 (Labor Day): **Main Store**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Shoppette**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Anthony's Pizza**, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All other facilities will be closed.

Hamilton Craft Shop

The Hidden Talents Craft Shoppe will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the month of August. Beginning in September, the hours will be Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Come browse through six rooms filled with quality handcrafted items including wearable art, woodcrafts, floral arrangements, tole painting, quilting, dolls, lapidary and the best in country crafts.

NEW CONSIGNORS interested in consigning their handcrafts are always welcome (must have military ID card).

The shop is located at 504 Palm Drive, Hamilton Field, Novato. Enter the main gate and follow the pineapple signs. Call **883-1471** during shop hours for information.

Red Cross grants

Grant funds in excess of $570,000 are available to agencies in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties for disaster preparedness programs targeting special needs populations or agency collaboration for emergency resource management.

Registrations are being accepted now for a Grant Workshop to be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 24, at the Holiday Inn Union Square in San Francisco, which will further explain the funding requirements and goals. To register for the workshop, call **513-6630**. Grant application packets will be available at the workshop.

The funding program is managed by the Bay Area Community Disaster Preparedness Committee, with funds provided by the American Red Cross through the Disaster Preparedness Network. Programs addressing the priority areas will be evaluated on how well they use existing resources, the program's sustainability after the grant period, the potential for being a prototype for other agencies, and the methods for evaluating effectiveness. Funding is not available for programs which focus on purchase of emergency equipment or supplies.

There are two application deadlines: Oct. 7, and Jan. 13, 1995.

PX Council meeting

The quarterly PX Council meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Aug. 24, in the Conference Room of Building 1161, Gorgas Avenue (Exchange Administration Building). In addition to assigned members, this meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about the operation of the PX.

Commissary to remain

A review of commissary locations being affected by base closures was recently conducted in order to identify any commissary location which should be retained after closure of the installation. Consideration was given to such factors as whether or not the commissary was supporting a neighboring installation, the number of active duty personnel to be supported after closure of the installation, and the language contained in the Base Closure and Realignment Commission's reports to the President. Based on the results of this review, it was determined that the commissary located at the Presidio of San Francisco should be retained. The Defense Commissary Agency will take appropriate action to ensure this commissary remains open after closure of the installation.

Motor pool hours

Beginning Sept. 6, the motor pool duty hours will be 7 to 9 a.m. for dispatch. All vehicles set up for dispatch must be picked up before 9 a.m. This change has become necessary because of base downsizing and loss of drivers. Questions may be directed to Thomas M. Wilkins at **561-2505/2660**.

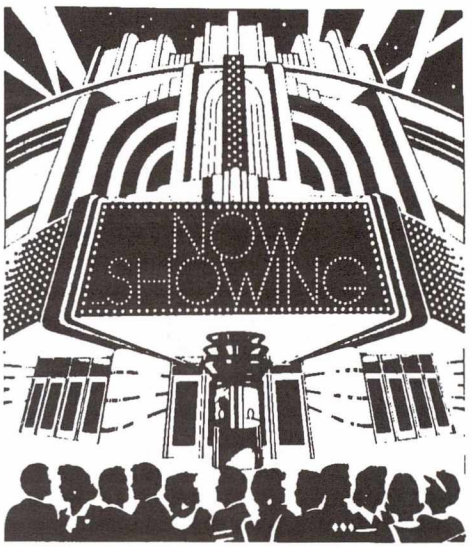
Youth soccer

Sign up for Presidio of San Francisco Intramural Soccer has been extended through Aug. 31. Soccer runs through Oct. 31. PSF Intramural Soccer focuses on instruction with a strong emphasis on self-esteem and being a team player. If you are a family member 6 to 12 years old, Intramural Soccer wants you. All you need is the desire to play. Cost is $10, payable upon sign-up, Monday through Saturday at the Youth Center, Building 386. Call **561-5143** for information.

Military mail call

This year's "Mail for Our Military" program is now underway! Mail from participants in every part of the U.S. will be combined and then separated into more than 1,000 packages of varying sizes and sent to units, bases, hospitals (including Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic) and support agencies such as USOs and Armed Services YMCAs, all across the U.S. and around the world.

"Mail for Our Military" is a terrific project for everyone connected with or having an interest in our military. Scores of individuals, groups, churches, military, schools and colleges are so "into" this program that they send more than 1,000 cards and letters each. To find out what the excitement is all about and how to help boost morale at more than 1,000 places all across the U.S. and around the world, interested readers should send a first-class postage stamp for return postage (a stamped, self-addressed envelope cannot be used -- just the stamp), along with their name and address, to: Mail for Our Military, c/o USO, P.O. Box 415, Fort Campbell, Ky., 42223-0415.



Movies at the Presidio Theatre

Tonight -- Little Big League (PG)
Tomorrow -- Wolf (R)
Sunday -- I Love Trouble (PG)
Aug. 26 -- Baby's Day Out (PG)
Aug. 27 -- Blown Away (R)
Aug. 28 -- Maverick (PG)

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

Bleacher Brief

Close tourney on links
Bowling season rolls to finale

Golf
By Bobbie Gascon
CRD Sports Branch

Fourteen teams competed for the title of champion July 28 at the sports Branch Best Ball Foursome Tournament, held on the Presidio Army Golf Course.

The title went to the team that was able to capitalize on one of their teammate's good shots. A simple, missed shot by the favored team made the difference in the final standings as the first place team of Wayne Agness, Ken Smith, Tina Holloway and her dad Forrest Holloway won the title by one point.

Highlights

1. Holloway, Holloway, Smith and Agness, 62.
2. Jake Highland, John Mulligan, Joyce Schossau and Al Tui, 63.

Longest drive, ninth hole, Tui.
Nearest to the pin, Mulligan, 4 feet 9 inches; Smith, 10 feet 1 inch.
Longest putt, Sid Domingue, 10 feet 9 inches; Otto Copeland, 5 feet 5 inches.

Bowling

Reno League

Barbara Bagley and Rick Camacho were the stars of the week whose contributions to their respective teams had opposite results.

Camacho rolled a 233 game during his 621 series to help Seven/Eleven clinch first place by three games and 1,092 pins. Meanwhile, Bagley tossed games of 220 and 208 while compiling a 627 series only to see her team, the Strokers, remain mired near the bottom of the standings. The Strokers finished the season in sixth place based on total pins and tied for fifth in the won-lost column.

Other 200 bowlers for the final week included: Morena Villanueva, Active and Retirees, 209; Bob Burgoon, The 4 Rollers, 209; and Bobbie Gascon, Seven/Eleven, 206.

Final league standings

Team, won-lost, total pins:

1. **Seven/Eleven** 32-16, 26,900
2. **Family Affair** 29-19, 25,992
3. **Four Tops** 28-20, 26,296
4. **The 4 Rollers** 25-23, 24,268
5. **Pai Gow Pokers** 23- 25, 26,636
6. **Strokers** 23-25, 26,462
7. **Active and Retirees** 21-27, 24,394

Season's stat sheet:

High game scratch

Men: Lee Hopkins, 256; Felix Mallorca, 243; Bobbie Gascon, 242; **Women**: Barbara Bagley, 257; Morena Villanueva, 235; Georgette Robinson, 208.

High game handicap

Men: Hopkins, 273; Gascon, 258; Art Burford, 257; **Women**: Bagley, 263; Villanueva, 262; Robinson, 246.

High series scratch

Women: Bagley, 685; Villanueva, 594; Kim Coons, 546; **Men**: Hopkins, 646; Mallorca, 633; Burford, 627.

High series handicap

Women: Bagley, 697; Villanueva, 675; Janet Mallorca, 661; **Men**: Hopkins, 697; Burford, 687; Bud Fleming, 675

Hui O Hawaii Summer League

Linda Laws' 200 game and 588 series were strong enough to help the Four Tops climb into second place by half a game the week of Aug. 5 over Lil' Kolohe II. Lil' K held the second position the previous week by half a point and 474 pins.

Lil' Kolohe's Rick Camacho was also named as one of the stars of the week. Comacho rolled a 235 game while compiling a 613 series.

Up Your Alley jumped into fourth place over Whom Knows by one and a half games.

The week's other 200 bowlers included: Donna Niemi, Hi Rollers, 205; Warren Hong, Hi Rollers, 203; Tom Atoique, Lil' Kolohe II, 201.

Final standings

Team, won-lost, total pins:

1. **Stakers** 36-12, 27,285
2. **Four Tops** 29-17, 26,262
3. **Lil' Kolohe II** 28.5-19.5, 26,895
4. **Up Your Alley** 28-30, 26,448
5. **Whom Knows** 26.5-21.5, 26,507
6. **High Rollers** 20-28, 26,315
7. **Islanders** 17-31, 25,601
8. **Navy Wenches** 7-41, 24,727

Personal stats:

High game scratch

Men: Mel Washington, 226; Don Banks, 257; Rod Hangka, 238; **Women**: Laws, 235; Barbara Bagley, 232; Val Camacho, 210.

High game handicap

Women: Val Camacho, 243; Laws, 242; Vivian Cabugos, 237; **Men**: Washington, 278; Banks, 264; Hangka, 246;

High Series scratch

Women: Bagley, 681; Laws, 609; V. Camacho, 573; **Men**: Hangka, 628; Washington, 625; Banks, 617.

High series handicap

Women: Bagley, 693; Atoigue, 642; V. Camacho, 642; **Men**: Washington, 679; Hangka, 652; Banks, 651.

Intramural Summer Bowling League

Barbara Bagley. This will be the last time you see this name mentioned in a bowling story on these pages—unless someone comes up with a way to keep the bowling alley open.

Barbara Bagley was named as one of the league's stars of the week Aug. 2. Bagley, who was a top kegler in all three of the summer leagues, rolled games of 256 and 242 while compiling a 674 series to help the Command Group clinch third place in the league.

John Peterson of RTD was the other star. He bowled a 206 game and a 562 series.

League standings

Team, won-lost, total pins:

1. **RG-PSF** 36-12, 20,119
2. **RTD** 34-14, 19,759
3. **Command Group** 29-19, 20,168
4. **ORE #I** 27-21, 19,976
5. **Community Rec. Sports** 27-21, 19,683
6. **ORE #II** 19.5-28.5, 18,993

Team best:

High game scratch

Women: Barbara Bagley, 256; Pat Jordan, 189; Joyce Peterson, 176; **Men**: Rick Camacho, 265; Felix Mallorca, 255; Don Banks, 245.

High game handicap

Women: Bagley, 256; Peterson, 224; Jordan, 220; **Men**: Camacho, 269; Mallorca, 263; Steve Tisega, 262.

High series scratch

Women: Bagley, 674; Jordan, 509; Peterson, 489; **Men**: Rick Camacho, 636; Mallorca, 630; Banks, 623.

High series handicap

Women: Bagley, 674; Jordan, 616; Peterson, 612; **Men**: Tisega, 672; Banks, 671; Richard Henson, 668.

Transition

Briefings, CPO update, Treasury jobs and more

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

First of all, I would like to apologize for an error in last week's transition column. I stated that the Civilian Personnel Office would be closed **all day** beginning last Friday. The statement should have read that the office will be closed **all day on Fridays**. Just a reminder in that regard, the CPO front reception desk will be closed from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. every Monday through Thursday in addition to the Friday closure. Telephone messages will be taken on **561-5732**. Return calls will be made as soon as possible.

The CPO staff will be working on shipment of personnel records, Priority Placement Program, outprocessing employees, coordination with California State Employment Development Department (EDD) for an unemployment benefits orientation, and other related actions necessary prior to base closure for all garrison employees.

The Department of the Treasury, U.S. Customs Service, San Francisco District, has seven full-time, permanent vacancies and is looking specifically for Federal employees who are about to lose their jobs due to downsizing and base closure. The positions are **Customs Aide (Office Automation), GS-1897-4/5**, and **Commodity Team Aide, GS-1897-6/7**. For a description of the duties or information concerning these openings, please contact Margaret Hamilton at the Presidio Outplacement Office, **561-2405/5388**. To apply, submit your SF-171, most recent SF-50, and a current performance appraisal to U.S. Customs Service, Commercial Operations Division, P.O. Box 2450, ATTN: Ed Cogan/Dale Ilderton, San Francisco, Calif., 94126. Submit your application packet as soon as possible.

Attention, all garrison employees! Attend the Unemployment Compensation briefing conducted by the California State Employment Development Department (EDD). There will be an EDD representative at the Presidio to present two one-and-a-half hour briefings on unemployment compensation eligibility and related matters for all garrison employees. The briefings take place from 8:15 until 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Post Theater, Aug. 25. The make-up date is Aug. 31, same time and location. Please be on time. All employees are encouraged to attend one of these briefings and to coordinate attendance with their immediate supervisors.

Work force "sculpting" plans within DOD

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

Earlier in her career, Diane M. Disney headed Rhode Island's state arts council. Now as deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel, her job is to "sculpt" DoD's civilian work force to a leaner shape while keeping layoffs to a minimum.

She said "sculpt" is an accurate word, because the department is cutting positions only where it has too many people.

"So far we're doing it well," Disney said. "In fiscal 1993 we reduced the civilian work force by about 70,000 and only 2,000 of those were involuntary separations. The rest were fairly evenly split between normal attrition and the buyout program. About 32,000 took buyouts.

"That's wonderful. That's our goal -- to look at areas of surplus employees and to try to minimize involuntary separations."

The buyout program offers up to $25,000 to civilians who voluntarily leave the Department of Defense. DoD offers buyouts to workers in positions for which it has more people than it needs, to keep reductions in force to a minimum. Workers who have received reduction in force notices are eligible for help under DoD's Civilian Assistance and Re-Employment program, which includes the Priority Placement Program.

"This June, DoD's priority placement found new jobs for 1,023 people," Disney said. "This is the first time we've gone over the 1,000 mark in one month, although we've frequently come close. DoD's Priority Placement Program is the most successful in the federal service, and we're all very proud of it."

On March 30 Congress authorized buyouts for the rest of the federal government. Early media reports said expanding buyouts across the government would hurt DoD's program, but Disney said that's not the case.

"Our program is tied to base closures and will continue through 1997," she explained. "The rest of the government will end buyouts in 1995. The only change is that now DoD civilians who take buyouts must wait five years before taking another government job. Before, DoD civilians could return after a year.

"We've notified those who retired just after March 30, and if they didn't know about the five-year restriction, we offered them the chance to come back," said Disney.

Defense officials recently announced an accelerated drawdown schedule, and that may make Disney's job a little harder. The new personnel manager said she's looking at new programs to help DoD make the cuts as painless as possible, but she prefers to see them tested before talking about them.

"To test these programs, we will pick some representative posts or bases to try to meet the needs of different kinds of populations. For example, the economy in North Carolina is very different from the economy in Philadelphia. What works in one situation may not work in another. We want input from a variety of workers in different economies," she explained.

Base closures are not new to Disney. She was named Rhode Island's Woman of the Year in March 1994 for her work heading the state's Office of Defense Economic Adjustment. There, she put into action her idea that you have to invite everyone to the table to discuss base closures. She included small subcontractors and nonprofits as well as big-name contractors in the discussions.

Disney said it is important to get input from everyone a policy will affect before writing it.

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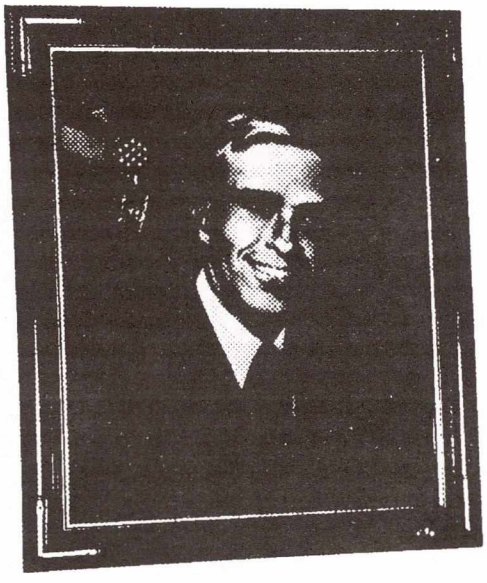

Mrs. D.W. Evans of Covina, Calif., was a recent visitor to the Presidio of San Francisco. Mrs. Evans is shown here with a portrait of her son, Donald W. Evans, a Medal of Honor recipient, for whom Buildling 1030, Evans Hall, was named. Evans Hall was originally built to house soldiers stationed at Letterman Army Medical Center; single soldiers with U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio, now call the building home. (Photo by Sharon E. Everett-Roles)

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"I'd rather take time up front than have to fix it later."

Disney said she works closely with the services' personnel managers, Pentagon officials, the Department of Labor and other government agencies.

DoD's personnel office is also changing the way it does business, she said.

"The Standard Form 171 will be gone next year. I'm glad to see it go. It's a biographical root canal. Mine took three or four days to complete," she said. The optional form the Office of Personnel Management is designing to replace it will take less time for job seekers to complete and significantly less time for personnel specialists to review, she said.

But the SF-171 federal job application form isn't the only change. DoD personnel offices will take advantage of technology to provide better service with fewer personnel specialists.

"We have a reinvention lab where some of these new processes are being developed. We're computerizing standard processes to make data available to personnel operators, employees and managers. This will help them make decisions much more efficiently than before.

"This allows us to use people for things that require talking and explanation and use machines to deliver data. It makes better use of people and technology," she said.

Civilian training is one of the first areas she wants to reinvent.

"On the military side you know you need to do this to be a lieutenant, this to be a captain. We don't have a corollary for civilians," she said.

Brandishing an 18-inch thick collection of books, Disney commented, "This is our first cut at assembling the training information. It looks daunting, but the average employee isn't even lucky enough to have this 'dumped' on him or her to wade through. All the training information is in different places in different agencies. Only the most entrepreneurial employee or one blessed with a good mentor is going to find this information. We hope to assemble and computerize the information so that employees can key in their career field and find out what they need to do to get to the next level"

Employees will go through the career information computer program on their own. "Then when they have specific questions, they can talk to the training specialist. It's a more efficient way of doing things."

Other software being developed will help managers who need to create new positions. "If I needed a public affairs assistant, I would list all the things I wanted the person to do, and the computer would tell me the grade level," she said. "Armed with this information, I could have a more productive meeting with the personnel specialist to finalize the process."

Disney hopes to make these computer programs user-friendly so even people who are afraid of computers can use them. The programs will also appeal to different learning styles.

"We have touch screens for the visually oriented, telephone programs for people who like to listen," she said. "We want to make information accessible to everyone."

Resources, training support deemed most important to Reserve Component efforts

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Information Service

"Just give us the resources we need to train. Take care of our families and tell us what to expect -- and we'll be there when you call. We always have been and always will be."

That's the staunch message Deborah Lee said she gets every time she visits Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard reservists and National Guardsmen across the nation.

"I was struck by the uniformity of the message I heard," said Lee, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs. Her response: "We hear you -- we believe in you, and we're working on it." Her remarks came during a recent speech to a Reserve Officers Association meeting in Seattle.

Under Lee's watch, DoD is embarking on several programs aimed at enhancing the reserve component's ability to blend smoothly into the Total Force. She said this includes garnering more equipment through cascading and purchases, using new technology to improve training, fostering benefits and enhancing the quality of life of service members and their families.

Toward this end, DoD has implemented "compensating leverage," a strategy of "looking for smart, mission-effective ways to use the reserves to control peacetime costs and to minimize the risks associated with the active drawdown," Lee explained. "It means assigning reserve forces missions that employ their strengths and provide sufficient resources so they can be ready when they're needed."

Readiness is the key to DoD's success, Lee said, "whether we're talking about our missions throughout the world or here on the home front . . . we'll keep readiness strong so we can continue serving side by side with the active components as equal partners in the Total Force team. We are also focusing particular attention on the readiness of our early deploying units."

In the area of equipment readiness, Lee said the reserve components have defined a new, long-term strategy to ensure they're mission-ready and compatible with the active forces. The strategy is based using cascaded active component equipment when possible, procuring new equipment when necessary and emphasizing reserve component equipment readiness as a service responsibility to plan, program, budget and execute.

"This last point is especially crucial since I believe we in the Pentagon should do a better job of budgeting for reserve component equipment," Lee noted.

Often reserve component units never receive equipment they've been promised, Lee said. "So I intend to use my oversight powers to help improve the execution of equipment deliveries to the National Guard and Reserve," she added.

Lee also asked the services for quarterly briefings on their progress in buying and distributing new and cascaded equipment for Reserve units. This amounts to an estimated $618 million for the Army Reserve, $1 billion for the Air Force Reserve and $1.4 billion for the Naval Reserve.

In May, Lee sent Congress a report pertaining to $1.2 billion in new National Guard and Reserve equipment from the fiscal 1994 appropriations bill -- $400 million for miscellaneous equipment and $800 million for aircraft. She gave the Seattle audience a flavor of how the money is being spent:

* Army Reserve units are buying C-12 airplanes, heavy earth and equipment movers, radios, trucks, forklifts and cranes.

* The Air Force Reserve's shopping lists include C-130H aircraft, simulators for the C-130 and firearms, an F-16 multitask trainer, helicopter improvements, electronic warfare equipment and a local area network.

* Naval Reserve outfits are getting C-130T aircraft, electronic warfare equipment, helicopter upgrades, automated data processing equipment, fuel tanks, support equipment for F/A-18s and van upgrades for mobile inshore underwater warfare.

* The Marine Corps Reserve has ordered KC-130s, the Reserve Information Network, an individual simulator marksmanship training system and a night targeting system.

Training is the second major building block of readiness, and technology heavily influences reserve component training, Lee emphasized.

"Technology is the pipeline through which we can conduct training, collect and process information, provide community support and communicate more rapidly throughout the military chain of command," she said.

A new initiative called "distance learning" is expected to resolve many reserve component training problems. For instance, using computerized interactive video technology, an instructor can beam training classes via satellite from a studio in San Antonio, Texas, to students anywhere across the country.

The days of using a stubby pencil for mobilization and recordkeeping must end, Lee said. Even though reserve components are struggling with funding shortfalls and scheduling delays, a reserve component automation system must be established, she added. The system would contain information to support mobilization planning and execution and to support day-to-day operations affecting reserve readiness.

Taking care of people -- moving guardsmen and reservists into other positions and providing transition benefits for those leaving -- is the third major component of readiness, Lee emphasized. Managing turbulence caused by unit inactivations, conversions and base closures is the No. 1 challenge of people readiness, she said.

The second challenge is to overcome the public's impression that DoD is no longer hiring. "That isn't true," Lee said emphatically. "While the reserve components will be smaller, there is a continuing need to attract and retain individuals to careers in the National Guard and the Reserve -- particularly those who have special skills."

Lee said accessibility is another priority. DoD reviewed Cold War access laws, policies and regulations to ensure the reserve components remain fully relevant and usable for post-Cold War operations.

"We recommended a higher priority on the expanded use of volunteers -- units and individuals," Lee said. "All the services currently use some reserve component volunteers for operational missions:

* Army Reserve officers and noncommissioned officers are serving on military liaison teams in the newly independent nations of Central and Eastern Europe.

* Naval Reserve volunteers are supporting the maritime interdiction mission Sharp Guard as part of the U.N. embargo of the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

* Air Force Reserve C-130 crews are airlifting humanitarian relief supplies into Bosnia as part of Operation Provide Promise.

The senior level accessibility working group also recommended two changes to the involuntary call-up authorities. The group asked Congress to authorize the secretary of defense to call up to 25,000 reservists in the early days of a brewing crisis. Additionally, they recommended extending the time frame reservists may be called to duty under presi-

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dential authority from the current 90 days and possible 90-day extension to 180 days and possible 180-day extension.

Also recommended were a variety of "protect our people" issues like employer support, family support and mobilization insurance.

"For example," Lee said, "we must be sure reservists who volunteer for short-term missions receive the same protection from injury or illness for themselves and their families as reservists serving on active duty orders for longer periods of time."

Employer support and income protection will be more important than ever in the future, Lee said.

"We have drafted a voluntary mobilization insurance proposal to protect those who stand to lose substantial income during a mobilization," she explained. "We have also drafted a tax incentive proposal to ease the strain on employers whose reservist employees are activated."

DoD is trying to develop an economic, efficient all-service family support system that all service members can use. The program will handle "whatever a family needs -- whether it's for information on managing finances or how to get an ID card or information on how to locate support groups for specific purposes. We intend to test family readiness as part of our readiness assessment processes," Lee said.

"From accessibility to readiness, from employer support to family support, we're taking the activist approach to ensure the reserve components remain strong, protected and supported by those of us who serve in Washington, D.C.," Lee said.

CHAMPUS News

CHAMPUS covers living-related donor liver transplantation

CHAMPUS will now share the cost of living-related donor liver transplants for patients who suffer from serious liver disease and whose condition hasn't improved with more conservative treatment.

The effective date for coverage of the transplants is Aug. 1, 1992.

CHAMPUS no longer considers living-related donor liver transplants to be investigational, but patients must meet certain specific CHAMPUS criteria in order for the government to share the cost of the surgery and follow-up. In addition, the surgery must be performed at a liver transplant facility that has received certification for liver transplantation.

CHAMPUS beneficiaries who need additional information concerning living-related donor liver transplants should write to:

OCHAMPUS
Benefit Services Branch
Aurora, Colo., 80045-6900

(Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services)

How many German planes did American ace Eddie Rickenbacker down during World War I?
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What was the real name and rank of "The Red Baron," the German World War I fighter pilot?
Capt. Manfred von Richthofen

What three Army football players won the Heisman Trophy?
Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis, Pete Dawkins

What two Navy football players won the Heisman Trophy?
Joe Bellino, Roger Staubach

Who was the first left-handed president of the United States?
James Garfield

"It's been moved and seconded that we gather some berries instead."

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Fires!

Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army commanding general, (center) visits soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, at the Idaho City complex fires. Also pictured are Col. Lisle Brook, Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. The soldiers are wearing special flame-retardant uniforms and yellow shirts for visibility in the smoke-filled fire environment.

National Interagency Fire Center

Fire fight

Sixth Army joins fire battle

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Sixth U.S. Army units, augmented by Air National Guard and Marine Corps assets, are serving in the battle against 32 major fires raging in seven states.

As of Monday there were close to 18,000 firefighters battling the numerous conflagrations that have scorched the western states.

Included in the military and civilian equipment being used are 613 fire engines and 123 helicopters.

Tuesday the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, reported 34 major fires in California, Idaho, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah and Washington, covering 488,349 acres.

Janelle Hill of NIFC said that a major fire is one that covers more than 100 acres, while a rangeland fire is spread over more than 300 acres and may include areas that contain harvested crops. She said the rangeland fires tend to occur earlier in the year. The current fires are all in forested areas.

"They've had unseasonably high temperatures and low humidity which provided the perfect situation for lightning generated fires," Sgt. First Class Donald Banks, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office, said. Banks is on temporary duty at the NIFC. Banks said 19 other Headquarters Sixth Army personnel are directly involved in the firefighting effort either on the front

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Army begins ground water treatment program on Presidio of San Francisco

The Army is presently putting a treatment system in place that will remove contamination from groundwater in and around a former aircraft hangar on the west end of Crissy Field on the Presidio of San Francisco. The project is part of the Army's enduring commitment to clean up the Presidio under the Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Restoration Program.

The contamination in this area, known as the Building 937 area, has been selected for cleanup ahead of a number of other sites on the Presidio with the concurrence of the State Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The treatment system uses an innovative technology, developed in Germany, known as the Unterdruck-Verdampfer-Brunnen Vacuum Vaporization Well System (referred to simply as the "UVB System"). The UVB System, developed in 1986, is designed to remove substances known as volatile organic compounds that result from the chemical breakdown of hydrocarbons in the environment. The contaminated water is treated in the ground, and no contaminated water is transported from the site. The UVB System, used successfully at similar cleanups in Europe and March Air Force Base, Calif., is expected to restore a contaminated groundwater aquifer at the site, so that the contamination does not prevent this groundwater from being developed into a source of drinking water one day should a future owner decide to do so.

Petroleum, oil, lubricants, and cleaning solvents are the contaminants that have been found at this site. This contamination came from past vehicle maintenance activities, as well as leaking underground storage tanks which were removed in 1992.

The Army began drilling activities July 29, in advance of putting the UVB System in place. The UVB System was turned on about Aug. 22.

Most users of Crissy Field will not be affected by the activities associated with emplacement of the UVB System, although some joggers and pedestrians may notice the fenced-off construction area or the noise associated with whatever heavy machinery is in use at the site in the process of putting the system into place.

(Staff Judge Advocate's Office)

"As far as I can tell, the computer system went down when Prebish stepped on a crack in the sidewalk.'

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Presidio Pulse

Youth soccer

Sign-up for Presidio of San Francisco Intramural Soccer has been extended through Aug. 31. Soccer runs through Oct. 31. PSF Intramural Soccer focuses on instruction with a strong emphasis on self-esteem and being a team player. If you are a family member 6 to 12 years old, Intramural Soccer wants you. All you need is the desire to play. Cost is $10, payable upon sign-up, Monday through Saturday at the Youth Center, Building 386. Call **561-5143** for information.

Commissary closure

The Presidio Commissary will be closed Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.

High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be observed from sunset Sept. 5 through sunset Sept. 7. According to the Hebrew calendar, the year 5755 begins. The Jewish New Year is markedly different in character from the joyous, exuberant celebrations of other peoples. It is a profoundly serious day, during which Jews come together to pray, to examine their behavior and their relationship to God and each other, to remember the past and dedicate themselves to the future. It is the first of the Yonim Noraium, "Days of Awe." A 10-day period of repentance culminates in the Day of Atonement, the most ancient and sacred day in the Jewish calendar, which begins this year at sunset Sept. 14 and concludes at sunset Sept. 15. The most important symbol of Rosh Hashanah is the Shofar, or ram's horn, which is sounded during worship in the synagogue. The sacred services at dusk on Yom Kippur day are concluded with the sound of the Shofar. Jewish military personnel and their dependents are invited to attend the High Holy Days religious services at a local synagogue. Accommodations at these services may be obtained by calling Ruth Callmann at **567-2830**, between 8 and 9 a.m., or the Post Chaplains' Office at **561-4239**.

DPW Customer Rep

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Colet is the new Customer Relations Representative for the Directorate of Public Works. Colet replaces Cindy Agness in the position. Colet works in the Housing Office, Building 227. The telephone number remains the same, **561-3711**.

Chapel news

Sunday school for all ages (3 to adult) will begin at 9 a.m., Sept. 11, at the Religious Activities Center. Everyone is welcome. Teachers are needed as well. If you would like to serve the Lord this way, please contact Barb Scandrette at **668-9244** or the Chapel office at **561-4711**.

Ladies! Interdenominational Bible study begins from 9 to 11 a.m., Sept. 12, at the Religious Activities Center. We will be studying *Behold Your God*, a study on the attributes of God. Call **561-4711** for information.

Volunteer opportunity

"Know-it-alls" -- even "wise guys" -- can be both popular and fulfilled, according to the American Cancer Society.

Cancer Society volunteers are being recruited now to help people who want, and sometimes desperately need, information about cancer. It's not always easy, says Dr. David Minor, president, but it's always rewarding.

"You will be asked to spend half a day in a pleasant, professional office, serving as a resource, providing information and guidance for parents, family members and the public, including some cute little kids," Minor said.

American Cancer Society volunteer leaders and staff will provide training, including use of a computer data base, a desk and phone, and a schedule that fits the volunteer's lifestyle. No special experience is required. For information, call **394-7100** and ask about the RIG (Resource, Information and Guidance) program. Information about other volunteer opportunities is also available, Minor said.

Angel Island jubilee

Visitors to the Angel Island Association's third annual "Jubilee," Sept. 17, will be treated to a unique blend of history, education and entertainment.

Activities are being planned for each of the Island's historic sites -- Ayala Cove, Camp Reynolds, Fort McDowell, and the Immigration Station. There will be historic re-enactments, music, dancing and entertainment.

Among the highlights of the day will be a naturalization ceremony at Ayala Cove; an encampment of Civil War soldiers; music by the 91st Division Army Band from Fort Baker and the Camp Reynolds Regimental Band; and appearances by the Mother Lode Musical Theatre Troupe, performing early California music appropriate to Angel Island.

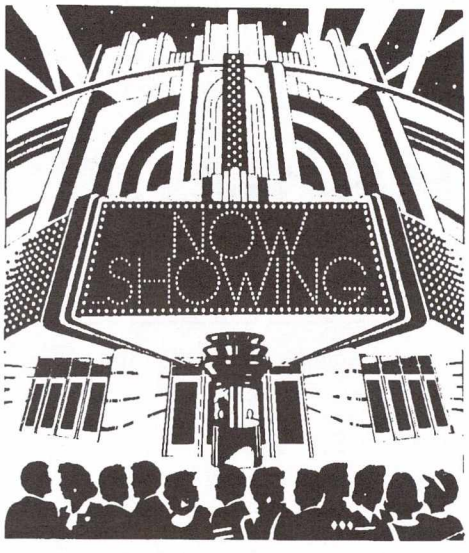
In recognition of Angel Island's role as the "Ellis Island of the West," the program will include Chinese sword and fan dancers, a display of calligraphy, and the re-enactment of an interrogation of immigrants.

The annual event is designed to showcase the activities of the Angel Island Association's docents and volunteers. Dozens of them will be on hand in costume to conduct special tours, bake bread in the 19th-century ovens of the Bake House and Camp Reynolds, and re-create historic characters from Angel Island's past.

Audio-visual programs include a newly-created slide show portraying the development of Fort McDowell. A second slide show, narrated by Bob and Mary Noyes, will describe their restoration of Quarters 11 and the Bake House at Camp Reynolds.

Special Jubilee ferry service will be provided from Tiburon by the Angel Island-Tiburon ferry (**435-2131**); from San Francisco by the Red & White Fleet (**546-BOAT**); and from Vallejo by the Blue & Gold Fleet (**707-64-FERRY**).

For information, call the Angel Island Association at **435-3522**.



Movies at the Presidio Theatre

Tonight -- Baby's Day Out (PG)
Tomorrow -- Blown Away (R)
Sunday -- Maverick (PG)
THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND DURING WHICH THE THEATRE WILL BE OPEN.

All movies begin at 7 p.m.

Transition

Job opportunities, Town Hall issues answered

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Discovery Early Learning Preschool has an opening for a **preschool teacher**, 20 to 30 hours per week. The schedule is flexible and pay is $8 to $9 per hour, depending upon experience. Early childhood education courses and/or preschool experience is preferred. Discovery is an early learning program for children 18 months to 3 years. It was created to enrich the lives of children through a program of active play and learning. Discovery meets in a comfortable Pacific Heights home five mornings a week from 9 until 11:30 a.m. Extended care runs five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To interview, please call P.J. Handeland at **929-8620**.

Along similar lines, Fort Lewis, Wash., is still recruiting for a **Family Child Care Director, GS-1701-09**. This person provides Family Child Care personnel with training on the assessment of quarters-based child activity area environments and programs; observes home environments for caregiving techniques; develops program and curriculum for early childhood development (language development, cognitive development, social skills, self-awareness, fine and gross motor skills, arts and crafts, music); develops, implements and directs essential supplemental programs and services (evaluating child care needs, coordinating information about on-and off-post child care services, coordinating volunteer services, developing parent co-op and sick child care programs, etc.). Send your SF-171 packet to Fort Lewis Civilian Personnel office, P.O. Box 33128, Fort lewis, WA 98433-0128.

The National Park Service is recruiting for two positions. The first is a **Supervisory Park Ranger (Fort Point/Fort Mason Site Supervisor), GS-0025-09/11**. Announcement number GOGA-94-70 closes Sept. 1. The second position is a **Supervisory Concession Management Specialist, GS-1101-13**. Announcement number GOGA-94R-44 closes Aug. 31. This is a term appointment, the duration of which is expected to be two years. The selected candidate will be eligible for Federal Employees' Retirement, health and life insurance while employed under this appointment. The appointment may be terminated at any time prior to the not-to-exceed date, at the agency's discretion. To apply for either position, or for information, contact the National Park Service, Personnel Division, Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123. The telephone number is **556-2035**.

Finally, the Civilian Personnel Office has provided us with another answer to a "Town Hall Meeting" issue. Several employees have inquired about the number of classes they can take for job retraining through the Presidio's Job Training Partnership Act grant with the San Francisco Private Industry Council (PIC). First of all, employees must understand that what classes the PIC provides to them depends on what career they are trying to pursue. Each individual employee is counselled on the training they need to qualify for their new career. In some cases, a single training class will do the job because the training provider has put all the necessary elements in the training program. In other instances, more than one class is indicated because the employee needs more skills than are contained in a single class or because, to enter that particular career, no single class contains all the elements needed to begin working in the field. The bottom line is, PIC training is not a "one size fits all" program. Each employee is a unique and separate case.

Relocation assistance update

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

Service members moving to other bases may now get their immediate relocation questions answered by a single-source data base at their local family support center.

DoD unveiled SITES, the Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service, in March. The service combines the four service relocation systems into one data base serving more than 300 installations worldwide. The data base is loaded onto a compact disc; copies go to every family support center and are updated quarterly.

Anne Tarzier, DoD's relocation program manager, said the new service's main role is helping families get quick, accurate answers needed in planning their moves. "The SITES data base is geared to primary information -- things you need to know before you get there," she said.

The data base holds eight categories of information on all military installations. Service members can check on general housing availability, federal and local employment opportunities, educational needs, health care facilities, information on the civilian community and a variety of other support services.

Newly assigned service members traditionally receive welcome packets from their sponsors. The packets contain maps, photos, booklets and flyers that tell families what is available at their new stations. While these packets are useful once the family arrives, Tarzier said, the packet may overload those starting their move planning.

"SITES does not want to give you 10,000 pieces of information that you don't have any use for," she said. "It's more likely to target the 10 pieces of information you need on the day you begin your relocation planning."

That information may determine the service member's assignment. "If you have a choice of two installations and you have a child with specific needs, you might want to choose an installation that would offer more," Tarzier said.

Currently, service members don't have hands-on access to SITES. Only the installation relocation manager works the data base. Tarzier says there are reasons for limiting its access. Usually, there are many questions about the new installation. Tarzier said service members need to limit those questions to what they really need to know.

She recommended families get a needs assessment before requesting SITES information. The assessment narrows the topics

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Bleacher Brief

Local prep school uses post field to practice for football season

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The football team of the third oldest school in San Francisco must practice on the Presidio; the school has no football field of its own.

Sacred Heart Cathedral College Preparatory School's football team practices Saturdays on the Paul Goode Athletic Field at the south end of Portola Street. The school's baseball team practiced there during the spring.

The school is located in San Francisco on Ellis Street, between Franklin and Gough streets. Coached by Frank Lee, the team plays its football games at Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park.

The coaching staff is high on the abilities of two of the team's running backs who can be seen working out on the field. Sophomore Christian Rance and junior Jamar Sheppard are both over 6 feet tall and weigh a *solid* 190 pounds each. One of the other players' father said Sheppard looks better than O.J. Simpson did when he attended Galileo High School in San Francisco.

That may be fitting, since Sacred Heart Cathedral has a history of nurturing stars who eventually wind up playing in the NFL.

Sacred Heart alumni in the NFL include Mike Gogan of the Dallas Cowboys and the Green Bay Packers' coach, Mike Holmgren, who was once an assistant coach at Sacred Heart.

The school plays as an independent, although most of its opponents are in the Western Catholic League. Sacred Heart was established in 1874 and will play its first game of the season Saturday versus Lowell High School.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Final bowling tournament, potluck hosted Monday

The Presidio Bowling Center will hold a Friendship Night party and tournament Monday night to highlight the center's closing.

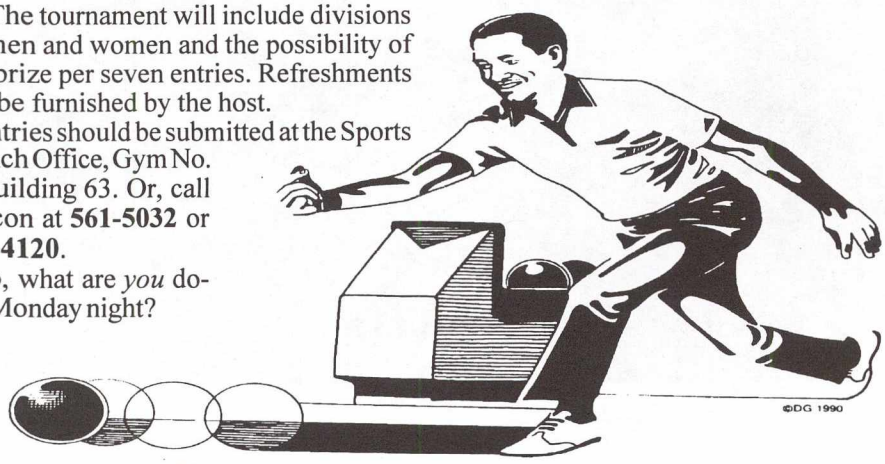
The Presidio Final No Tap Tournament will begin at 7:30 p.m., following the pot luck dinner to be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Both will be hosted by Bobbie Gascon, director, Sports Branch, Presidio Community Recreation Division.

"Bring a dish and break bread with your friends before we close the Presidio Bowling Center," Gascon said.

The entry fee is $10, bowling fee is $4.50 and bowlers can get three strike tickets for $1. The tournament will include divisions for men and women and the possibility of one prize per seven entries. Refreshments will be furnished by the host.

Entries should be submitted at the Sports Branch Office, Gym No. 1, Building 63. Or, call Gascon at **561-5032** or **561-4120**.

So, what are *you* doing Monday night?



Military voter registration campaign begins

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

Installation commanders worldwide are targeting military and civilian voters during a week-long voter registration campaign Aug. 28 through Sept. 3.

Armed Forces Voters Week, sponsored by the Federal Voting Assistance Program, encourages potential voters to request registration and absentee ballots for the 1994 general elections. These voters include military personnel, their eligible family members and DoD civilians working overseas.

Although election laws differ from state to state, most state election boards require absentee ballot requests at least 30 days before the general election. With Election Day Nov. 8, Armed Forces Voters Week may be the last opportunity many have to register for federal, state and local elections.

"It is critical that unregistered citizens submit the FPCA (federal post card application) as soon as possible, particularly those who reside overseas," said Phyllis Taylor, Federal Voting Assistance Program director. "Some states require ballot receipt before the day of the election, which cuts further into the time the voter has to return his or her voted ballot."

To help voters meet state deadlines, Taylor recommended community involvement during Armed Forces Voters Week. "Wives clubs, family services and veterans organizations are excellent sources of help for registration drives, distribution of registration forms and general assistance during the week," she said.

Local publicity campaigns, ranging from installation newspaper features and posters to television and radio coverage, can inform voters when and where registration events occur.

Installation and unit voting assistance officers play key roles during Armed Forces Voters Week. They may advise voters on special state registration requirements and assist voters with special administrative details required by some states.

"I cannot overemphasize the importance of consulting the 1994-95 *Voting Assistance Guide* when providing assistance to citizens," said Taylor.

The guide contains state-by-state registration and ballot request guidelines and is available from all installation and unit voting assistance officers.

Although they cannot advise voters on specific candidates or issues, voting assistance officers can refer voters to other information sources. Those sources include local, regional and national newspapers, information pamphlets from political parties and the DoD Voting Information Center at **(703) 693-6500** or **DSN 223-6500**.

Armed Forces Voters Week is the first of two registration campaigns sponsored by the Federal Voting Assistance Program. The program holds its first Overseas Citizens Voters Week Sept. 5-11. This campaign targets personnel assigned to U.S. embassies and consulates, as well as Americans working with U.S. commercial firms overseas.

At state this year are 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, 35 seats in the U.S. Senate, four House delegate positions and 36 state governorships. In addition, voters will elect other state, county, city and village officials and decide local issues that affect their hometowns.

Col. Gregory A. Renn, garrison commander (left) presents Capt. Jay Mallory with the Meritorious Service Medal in an awards ceremony.

Photo by Steven C. Fredericks

Former DOL employee, poet honored by fellow staff members and family

By the Directorate of Logistics staff
Special to the Star Presidian

Julius M. "Jules" Adank died Sept. 29 last year. Among his personal papers was a poem in tribute to his father. His son, James, sent it to us and asked if we could run it in the *Star Presidian*. It accompanies this article along with a picture of Adank taken in 1972 at his camera store.

Adank came to work for the Army as a budget assistant in January 1980, following a serious operation on his throat which left him unable to speak. He surprised all the doctors and therapists by living some 15 years after the surgery and also by training himself so well that he was able to discard the electronic voice assistance machine they gave him. After almost 13 years as a Presidian, he retired in September 1992.

Adank did his "soldiering" just before and during World War II. After two years in the National Guard in the late 1930's, he enlisted in the regular Army and was assigned to the last horse-riding cavalry unit. He spent most of the war years at various Army outposts in Newfoundland, achieving the rank of first sergeant when he was still only 20 years old. He said that he was the youngest first sergeant since the Civil War (except for battlefield promotions).

After the war he was in the jewelry business for some years and then got into camera sales. He had his own flower shop in Fremont when his illness and subsequent surgery forced him to give them up. Following that, he came to the Presidio for still another successful career, starting as a budget assistance in Supply and Services Division and ending up as a budget analyst for the Directorate of Logistics.

Adank was a quiet man and very private. He certainly never liked anyone to make a fuss over the good work he did, and he would probably say "Now why'd you go and do that" if he read this article. The reply would have to be "Because you're worth it, Jules. Because you're worth it."

Julius M. Adank at his camera store.

Photo courtesy of James Adank

TO MY DAD
By Julius M. Adank
September 1952

The day was cold and lonely, Dad, as I stood beside your grave,
Heart bowed in grief, blind with tears, I tried hard to be brave.

I wanted so to talk to you, to take you by the hand
As I used to do when I was small, but now I never can.

A boy can waste so many years, and stray away from home --
Forget the love you tendered him and all the kindness shown.

A father to confide in is what a boy should have,
A loving Dad to guide him along rough, rock-strewn paths.

I've known love and kindness, Dad, I've had them all along.
From the day of my birth until today, they have helped to right each wrong.

When I left home, my orders read a place so far away.
I looked back as the bus pulled out. Dad, I saw you cry that day.

Now I've come home and you have gone, for a longer time I fear.
God rest your soul and bless you, Dad. I'll always hold you dear.

Perhaps some day when my time comes, you'll lend a helping hand.
And I'll take my place beside you, Dad, I hope in a different kind of land.

I hope to talk of many things when we meet again.
Of times when small I ran to you, with injured knee or hand.

Boyhood dreams, of times we've known, what we did those years apart.
We'll talk them o'er and o'er again, till we know them all by heart.

All these things run through my head as I stand here today.
My chin comes up, my prayers I've said, no need to be afraid.
The memories I have of you I'm sure no son would trade.

To me you'll live forever, inside a heart made glad
By the thought that all my lifetime, I've been proud to call you Dad.

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to critical information needed in planning the move. From there, relocation managers can access the data base, download the material needed and produce a custom pamphlet that provides requested information.

Tarzier said she hopes the new program will improve as it expands services. DoD completed its first update recently, and Tarzier is establishing a quality review board that will set standards for users.

She also plans for selected relocation managers to review data input to maintain those standards. "We want these installations to have the flexibility in what they put in (SITES)," said Tarzier. "But we want to make sure that we have minimum level quality standards that are met."

Also planned are enhancements, such as maps and video and touch screens that allow families to see facilities and landmarks of their new assignment.

Although sites plays a vital role in DoD's relocation assistance, Tarzier said other services are available to transferring families. She spoke of seminars that prepare families to ship and pack property and to handle stress while moving. There are also information pamphlets and free consultation to help each family move smoothly.

"Every move is different," said Tarzier. "There are as many variables in a move as there are people who move. A huge amount of data is not of great use to you if you don't know what your questions are. With SITES, you can get your immediate questions answered and prepare yourselves for your new assignment."

Fire fight,

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lines or in the Emergency Operations Center on the Presidio of San Francisco.

Other Sixth Army units and assets committed to the fire effort include:

—The Senior Army Advisor, Guard, of Idaho, Col. Emil (Kent) Kluever, directing the effort from Boise;

—Assets from A Troop, 6th Sq., 158th Aviation Regiment, U.S. Army Reserve, a unit from Everett, Wash., were sent to Republic Wash., moved to Joseph, Ore., and is being moved to Libby, Mont. Another section of the regiment is in Wenatchee, Wash.;

— The 3rd Battalion, 11th field Artillery from Fort Lewis is in Libby;

— The 14th Engineer Battalion from Fort Lewis, Wash., is in McCall, Idaho;

— The 66th MP Company from Fort Lewis was sent to Wenatchee; and

—The 54th MEDEVAC Company from Fort Lewis, is in Waterville, Wash.

Other Army units involved include:

—The 20th Eng. Bn., augmented by personnel from the 91st Eng. Bn., from Fort Hood is in Idaho City, Idaho;

— The 3rd Bn., 82nd Field Artillery, bolstered by personnel from the 68th Chemical Company, 1st Cavalry Division, from Fort Hood is in Libby, Mont.; and

— A Troop, 4th Squadron, 227th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood is in New Meadow, Idaho.

The 1st Engineer Battalion, 21st Infantry Division (Mechanized) and the 4th Battalion, 1st Aviation Division (Blackhawk), both from Fort Riley, Kan., are expected to join the fight today.

Air National Guard aircraft that make up the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System have dropped a record 3 million gallons of fire retardant over the various fire sites since May.

The MAFFS includes:

— Two aircraft from the California Air National Guard's 146th Air Wing and two Air Force Reserve aircraft from the 302nd Air Wing that are on station in Boise, Idaho; and

— Two aircraft from the 145th Air Group, North Carolina Air National Guard and two aircraft from the 153rd Air Group, Wyoming Air National Guard, on station in Spokane, Wash. (MAFFS);.

Marine Corps assets from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif., include:

— 11th Marine Task Force Headquarters, on site at Wenatchee, Wash;

— 5th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, sent to Tyee Ranch, Wash.; and

— 1st Bn., 5th Infantry, tasked to Libby, Mont.

I Corps has about 1,100 firefighters in Idaho. III Corps has another 1,100 in Montana and Idaho. A 500-man task force was recently sent to Koocanusa Complex in the Kootenai National Forest in Idaho.

Since the fires began, many of these elements may have served in more than one location. Units will probably be shifted to various sites as the need warrants.

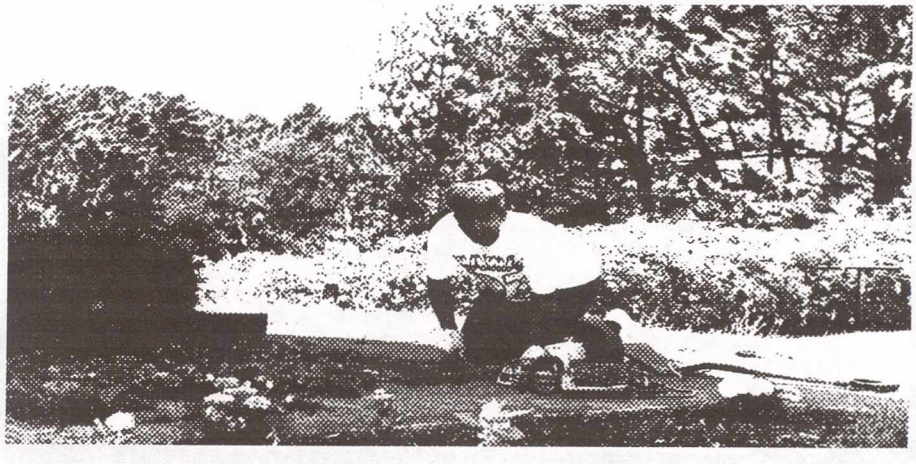
Overall, 6,000 military personnel, many from the Sixth Army area, have been committed to the fire fighting effort.

To date there are 12 major fires in Montana and another 13 in Idaho. The NIFC listed three major fires in Washington and one each in California, Oregon and Utah.

Oklahoma has one major fire listed and is the only state involved that is not in the Sixth U.S. Army area.

Just two days earlier the NIFC reported only 28 major fires. Oregon was listed as having two major fires and Idaho was listed as having only ten. On the other hand, Oklahoma was not reported as having any major fires.

By Sunday the fire in Oklahoma and one more fire in Idaho had been added to the list.



Lynn Richardson works in her yard as part of the post clean-up last week.

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New provost marshal arrives

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

There's a new law officer in town, and things may be a little different around here.

The Law Enforcement Company is scheduled to be downsized to a detachment which will be commanded by the new Provost Marshal and will be responsible for all military areas that are to remain under Sixth U.S. Army control after the Presidio transitions to the National Park Service.

Maj. Corbin Lee, the new Provost Marshal, has been on the Presidio for four weeks. He came here from Fort Lewis, Wash., where he served as an assistant operations officer, I Corps G3 Operations.

"I was fortunate this position was open," Lee said. "Fort Lewis was required to fill the provost marshal position, so this gave me an opportunity to return to my primary specialty."

"On Oct. 1 the Law Enforcement Company will downsize from a law enforcement command with a military police company to a military police detachment," Lee said.

Lee said the remaining MP force will remain in their present location for the time being but will eventually be colocated with the Park Police and the Presidio Fire Department in Building 35 in early 1995, thereby forming the Presidio's department of public safety. The three entities will coordinate safety and security concerns from the same location. The MPs will continue to serve the military's interests in security and physical protection.

"Our primary function will continue to be providing law enforcement and security support to soldiers and family members living on post. The change in law enforcement support will basically be invisible to the public. There will be no change in our service. Military members will only have to pick up a phone and call their MPs," Lee said.

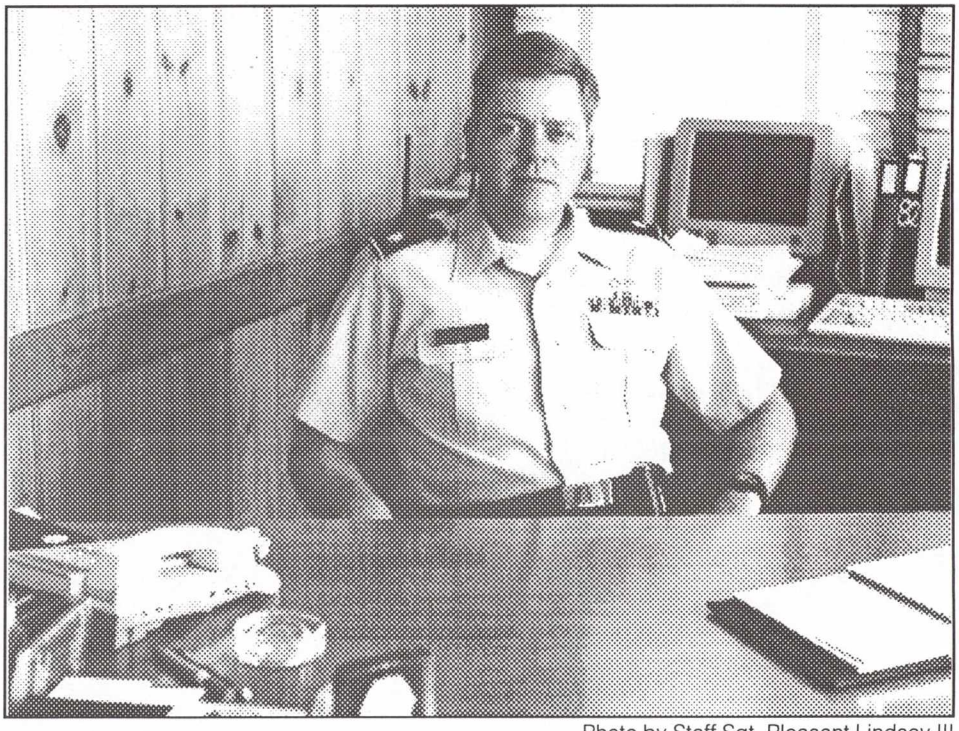

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Maj. Corbin Lee takes over as the Presidio's provost marshal.

"Our military police will coordinate closely with the Park Police. There will be no degradation in law enforcement and support and security support on post. Presidians may see more Park Police but will still see their MPs at military sites."

Lee has been in the Army for 19 years. He started his career as an enlisted soldier, then got out of the Army to study law enforcement. Lee went to the University of Southern Mississippi, where the dean of the criminal justice department suggested he use his military experience and join the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

"ROTC fit my personality, so I rejoined the Army as an active duty Army officer," said Lee, who called the Army his family.

"I love being around soldiers and being a soldier. I wouldn't trade the lifestyle for anything," Lee said.

That lifestyle will continue here while he serves as the post's top military cop.

Lee is adjusting to his new environment, one that is going through its own changes. Each new duty station has its uniqueness, but the Presidio offers some things Lee has not seen before.

"For most of the people here, this is probably the first time that they have been involved in the downsizing of an installation and it is probably the first military installation in recent history to be located in a National Park."

"There are a myriad of transition issues that must be settled to make the changeover happen, but people have done a tremendous job in a short time — cooperation has been good," Lee said. "Presidians are doing an

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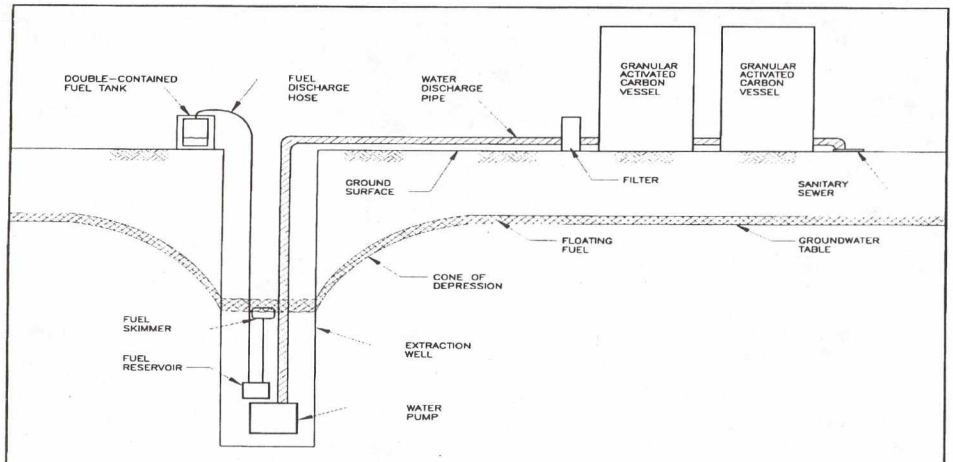
Groundwater treatments begin at former gas station

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractor, Montgomery Watson, have recently installed a remediation system to clean groundwater near Building 637. The remediation system is designed to remove fuels from the groundwater. The fuels in the groundwater were a result of fueling activities at the Building 637 area. Building 637 is a former gas station for the Presidio motor pool and for Crissy Field when it was an active air field. The Army closed the station in 1989, and the six aboveground tanks at the station were removed in September 1993.

The remediation system is designed to reduce the concentrations of fuels in the groundwater in the source area or most contaminated area. This cleanup phase has been termed the Source Reduction Measure (SRM) and is a first response to fuels in the groundwater. The SRM uses conventional technologies for groundwater cleanup. Future cleanup actions will supplement the SRM at Building 637. A second phase of the SRM will follow this fall for limited soil cleanup. This will be presented in a separate fact sheet.

To remediate the groundwater, a groundwater treatment system was designed and installed to remove fuels from the groundwater. The system consists of a water and fuel skimming pump placed within an extraction well. The system works by locally depressing the water table to create a "cone of depression" into which the fuel, along with the groundwater, will flow (see figure). The fuel and the groundwater are then separated by a fuel skimmer. The fuel is pumped through a hose into a double contained storage tank.

The groundwater takes a different path, flowing out of the well through a water discharge pipe. The groundwater containing dissolved fuels is pumped through a filter and two granular activated carbon vessels. The filter removes solids in the water stream. The carbon in the vessels removes fuels. The clean groundwater will then be discharged to the sanitary sewer system. Groundwater samples will be collected periodically, and the carbon units will be changed as required to ensure that the water discharged to the sanitary sewer is clean. *(Montgomery Watson)*



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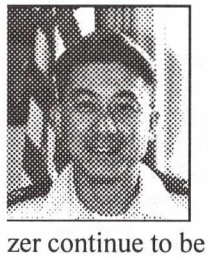
Ask Presidians

Questions for the Garrison Commander

Spc. Monique Barnes, Secretary of the General's Staff Admin section, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army: "Why has the "Star Presidian" gone to a smaller format, and how long will the paper continue printing?

Sgt. Willie Jordan, Mail and Distribution NCOIC, 6th Recruiting Brigade: "I was forced to move from one set of quarters to another due to asbestos problems. Why was I responsible for cleaning and inspection of the old apartment when the workmen have to mess it up anyway?"



Sgt. 1st Class Richard Burila, Reserve Advisor's Office, Sixth U.S. Army: "Will the howitzer continue to be fired at Reveille and Retreat after our military police force downsizes?"

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

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Presidio Pulse

Commissary closure

The Presidio Commissary will be closed Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.

High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be observed from sunset Sept. 5 through sunset Sept. 7. According to the Hebrew calendar, the year 5755 begins. The Jewish New Year is markedly different in character from the joyous, exuberant celebrations of other peoples. It is a profoundly serious day, during which Jews come together to pray, to examine their behavior and their relationship to God and each other, to remember the past and dedicate themselves to the future. It is the first of the Yonim Noraium, "Days of Awe." A 10-day period of repentance culminates in the Day of Atonement, the most ancient and sacred day in the Jewish calendar, which begins this year at sunset Sept. 14 and concludes at sunset Sept. 15. The most important symbol of Rosh Hashanah is the Shofar, or ram's horn, which is sounded during worship in the synagogue. The sacred services at dusk on Yom Kippur day are concluded with the sound of the Shofar. Jewish military personnel and their dependents are invited to attend the High Holy Days religious services at a local synagogue. Accommodations at these services may be obtained by calling Ruth Callmann at **567-2830**, between 8 and 9 a.m., or the Post Chaplains' Office at **561-4239**.

Chapel news

Sunday school for all ages (3 to adult) will begin at 9 a.m., Sept. 11, at the Religious Activities Center. Everyone is welcome. Teachers are needed as well. If you would like to serve the Lord this way, please contact Barb Scandrette at **668-9244** or the Chapel office at **561-4711**.

Ladies! Interdenominational Bible study begins from 9 to 11 a.m., Sept. 12, at the Religious Activities Center. We will be studying *Behold Your God*, a study on the attributes of God. Call **561-4711** for information.

DPW award ceremony

The DPW Preventive Maintenance shop held an awards ceremony Aug. 15. Col. Frank Janecek presented length of service honors to: Benjamin Green, Charles Lynch, Frank Nagai, William Sapp (25-year Award and pin), Raymond Hernandez, Arthur Taylor (20-year Award and pin), Thomas Hornak, Rodolfo Marquez (15-year Award and pin), Karen Carr, Jackie Galloway, Pedro Papio, and Enoch Villanueva (10-year Award and pin). Robert Macatulad received a performance award.

Walktoberfest

Walktoberfest, a day of walking to benefit diabetes research, takes place in Oakland and San Ramon Oct. 1 and in Palo Alto Oct. 2. Each of the routes is 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) in length. If you would like to join in the activities, please call **1-800-254-WALK**.

Farewell luncheon

The Garrison employees' farewell luncheon takes place at 11:30 a.m., Sept. 16, at the Presidio Community Club Main Ballroom. The menu consists of fried chicken, beef tips and rice, jello salad, vegetables, coffee and iced tea. Cost is $6.50 per person. For reservations, contact Randy Beckett at **561-6058**.

Leave request

Tommy Morgan, an employee with Headquarters Command Battalion, U.S. Army Garrison, is experiencing a medical emergency. Morgan, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact Kassel Kendricks at the Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, **561-3780**. Thank you for your support.

IG office move

The Office of the Inspector General will move to Building 39 Sept. 7-8. Anyone needing IG assistance during this time should come to Building 34, Room 219, or Building 39, Room 126. Telephone numbers for IG offices will remain unchanged. Beginning Sept. 9, the Office of the Inspector General will occupy rooms 124 to 142 in Building 39.

Pancake Breakfast

The Marina Lions Club is holding their annual pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon, Sept. 10, at their facility at Chestnut and Pierce Streets. The menu consists of pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice. All proceeds benefit local senior citizens' programs.

Historical home tour

In celebration of the house's 100th birthday, the owners of the fine Queen Anne residence at 2000 Pacific Avenue will host a tour of the interior and garden under the auspices of The Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage.

In the 20 years of their stewardship, the owners have brought this grand house with its spectacular Bay views back from years of neglect in a thoughtful and careful renovation.

Participants will view the fully furnished interior on a self-guided tour, with docents trained by San Francisco Heritage available to answer questions. Birthday refreshments in the garden will complete the celebration. Please call **441-3000** for information.

Newcomers' briefing

The Presidio Newcomers' Orientation Briefing and Historical Tour is sponsored by Army Community Service every other month. The September briefing will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Sept. 9 at the ACS Conference Room in Building 103B. This briefing is provided for all new military and civilian personnel and their spouses assigned to units or to Presidio housing within the last 120 days. Information about installation and services, to include TRICARE PRIME, dental services and the new Dependent Dental Plan, household claims, and earthquake preparedness will be addressed. A bus tour of the installation will follow from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Family members are encouraged to attend with or without their sponsor. Reservations for no-cost child care are required by Sept. 7. For information, contact Vickie Crider at **561-5256**.

Spouses group

The Presidio Spouses Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m., Sept. 12, at the Religious Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. Keep up with current happenings on the Presidio! Be a regular part of our group. If you are a military spouse living on the Presidio of San Francisco, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

Transition

Resource Center, Outplacement Offices remain open to assist job seekers

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Good news for those of you who didn't get in to either the Outplacement Office or the Job Resource Center before their Aug. 31 closure! The two facilities will re-open Sept. 6 and remain open until Sept. 26. They may be found on the first floor of Building 37.

Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio of San Francisco cordially invite all professionals in the Northern California area to attend Job Fair '94 at the Presidio Community Club. Whether you're employed or currently unemployed, Sixth U.S. Army Job Fair '94 will allow you to explore your full career potential. Participating this season are the top firms in the nation, as well as the Northern California area, each looking for skilled professionals to add to their corporate teams.

Among the professional skills in demand are: accountants, administrative assistants, chemists, engineers, legal assistants, managers, secretarial, marketing professionals, operations managers, sales managers, sales representatives, technical writers, and technicians. Please plan to attend! The fair runs from 9 a.m to 4 p.m., Sept. 21. The job fair is sponsored by the Association of the United States Army and is open to all DoD ID card holders (active military, retired military, reserves, family members, and DoD civilians).

A position is available for a full-time **child care provider**, including one position per month. The child is seven months old. Care should be given on Presidio of San Francisco or at Fort Baker. The caregiver must be a nonsmoker, and salary is negotiable. Please call **286-6047** in the evening or **561-7290, ext. 7294**, during the day.

Enlisted drawdown plans, QMP program continue on limited basis in FY 95

Soldiers in excess grades and skills are the focus of the 1995 Enlisted Drawdown Plan.

The overall plan follows Department of Defense and congressional guidance by taking advantage of separation incentives to shape the force, by minimizing involuntary separations, and by maintaining readiness, said personnel officials.

Early retirement will again be offered to selected soldiers who have 15 to 20 years of service. However, since early retirement is not an entitlement, not all soldiers with 15 or more years are eligible. It will only be offered to soldiers in excess grades and skills.

In fiscal 1995 early retirement will be offered only to soldiers—

—In selected military occupational specialties and grades;

—Promotable sergeants reaching their retention control point of 15 years;

— Promotable sergeants currently "grandfathered" toward a 20-year retirement;

— Soldiers with more than 18 years of service, who have been selected for separation under the Qualitative Management Program or signed a declination of continued service statement.

The Voluntary Separation Incentive and Special Separation Benefit programs will be modified for the rest of the drawdown. In fiscal 1995, the only enlisted soldiers eligible for VSI and SSB will be specialists, corporals and sergeants who will be reaching the retention control points, but who have an expiration of term of service beyond their RCP. Other specialists and corporals who have reenlisted under current RCP rules and whose ETS comes before their RCP will be entitled to separation pay.

Other soldiers eligible for VSI/SSB are those ranked sergeant and above, with nine or more years of service in specific excess MOSs and grades. Any soldier with six or more years of service at separation, fully qualified for retention but denied reenlistment by Headquarters, Department of the Army is also available.

Application windows for certain categories of early retirement and VSI/SSB (soldiers in specified excess MOSs) closed Aug. 31. These categories will only be reopened later in the fiscal year if additional losses are required, officials said.

The Voluntary Early Transition program will again be offered during fiscal 1995 to soldiers in specific excess grades and MOSs, who have less than six years of service. However, the number of soldiers separating under this program will be small and will be limited to soldiers in severely overstrength MOSs, officials said.

No Sergeant Major selective early retirement board or enlisted reduction-in-force is planned for fiscal 1995.

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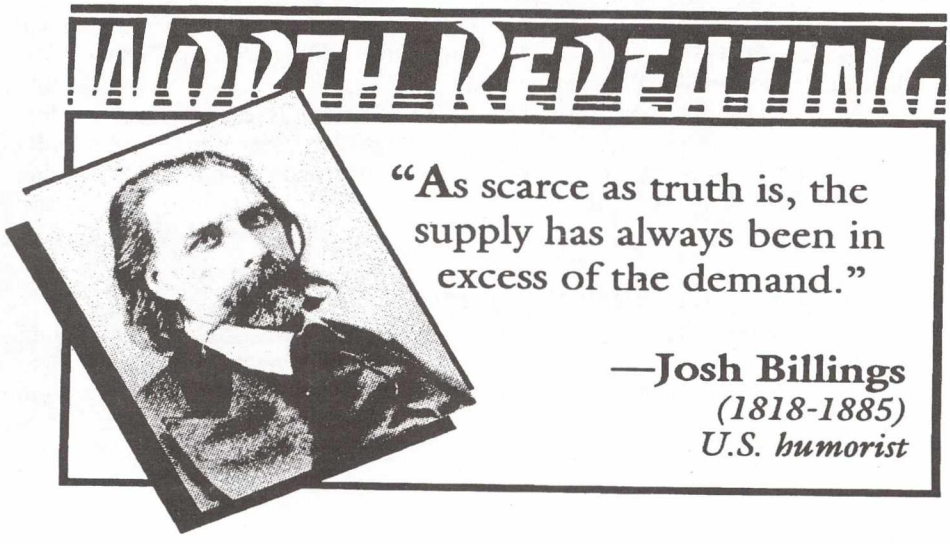


Bleacher Brief

Knock'em down!

Joe Sakaria and other bowlers warm up for the final tournament in the Presidio Bowling Center, Building 92. The event, held Monday night, included a potluck dinner prior to bowling as well as a give-away of excess items from the center's store.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Final bowling tournament held

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Bowling Center held a Friendship Night potluck and bowling tournament Monday night to honor the bowling center's closure.

The event was hosted by Bobbie Gascon, director, sports Branch, Presidio of San Francisco Community Recreation Division.

The tournament included male and female divisions and nine-pin no tap bowling for the first two frames. The top bowlers in both divisions split $132 in prize money.

The top women bowlers included Linda Laws, who bowled 193, 215 and 196 for 604 and Jeanne Carney who rolled 164, 171 and 207 for a 542 series. Laws's 215 and Carney's 207 were the highest single game scores among the women.

Rod Hangka and Bud fleming were the top bowlers among the men, and Ronald Lozano showed his mettle as well. Hangka tossed games of 256, 191 and 231 for a 678 series, while Fleming bowled games of 221, 197 and 243 to total 661. Hangka's 256 was matched by Lozano in his third game of the night for the single game high scores.

The night's strike pot winners were Felix Mallorca, Joyce Peterson and Ken Williams.

Swim team practices begin in one month

The Presidio Youth Swim Team will begin the 94-95 season on Oct. 3. Swim team practices are from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in the post swimming pool, Building 1151.

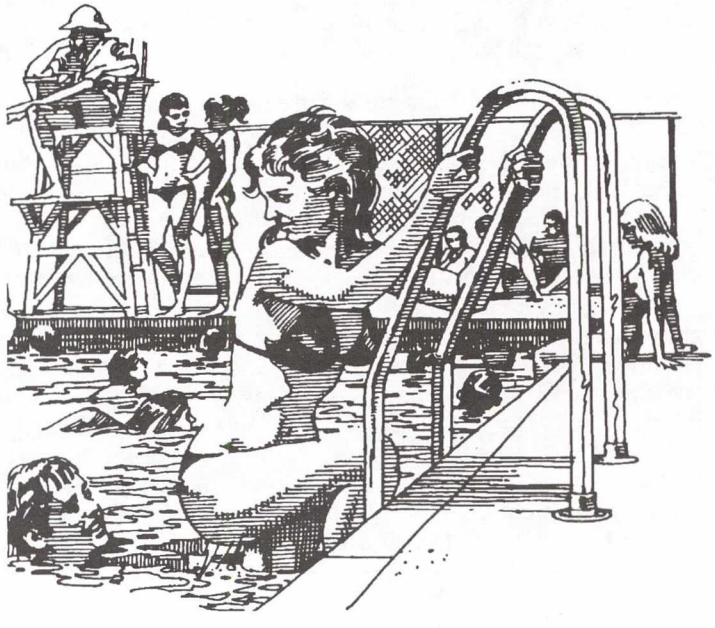
All team members are expected to attend the scheduled practices in order to maintain the integrity of the team. However, team members may be excused when legitimate conflicts arise, according to a letter sent out by Maj. Mike Koplin, swim team coach. Notify the coach in advance if you know you can not be present.

Team membership is open to all youths from the ages of 5 through 16 years old. Tryouts will be held the first week of the scheduled practices. The intent of the swim team is to train and develop existing abilities for competition and "NOT SPEND TIME ON TEACHING NEW STROKE DEVELOPMENT," according to Koplin's letter.

Each team member will be charged $15 to support the team and may be asked to participate in some fund raising activities as needed. Please make payment in cash only to one of the swim team coaches, who will provide a receipt upon request.

All interested swimmers should report to the post swimming pool at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3 for tryouts, registration and parental permission slips.

For more information, call Koplin at **561-2067** or **929-7839**.



Kudos

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, commander, Headquarters Command Battalion, greets each soldier in his battalion. The companies were formed Aug. 24 to witness the battalion's final awards ceremony.

Headquarters Command Battalion holds final awards ceremony

Nineteen soldiers and seven civilian employees received awards from Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, commander, Headquarters Command Battalion, Presidio of San Francisco.

The civilian recipients included employees of the former Dining Facility, the Education Center and Casualty Assistance.

Army Commendation Medals were presented to **Staff Sgt. Ralph Gutierrez**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and **Spc. Scott Milne**, Sixth U.S. Army Band.

Army Achievement Medals were presented to: **Staff Sgt. Marian Anderson**, Law Enforcement Company; **Staff Sgt. Kevin Davis**, HHC; **Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III**, HHC; **staff sergeants Dwyke Onque** and **David Scott** and sergeants **Mark Hays, Michael Matchael, Angel Quinones**, and **Victoria Studt**, all from the Sixth Army Band; **Cpl. Heidi Kirk**, HHC; and **Spc. Richard McMillan**, Sixth Army Band.

Battalion certificates of acheivement were given to: **Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness**, assistant chief of staff, Sixth Army; **Sgt. James Blunk**, Sixth Army; **Sgt. André Clark**, HHC; **Sgt. Hal Taylor**, Sixth Army; **Spc. Alexander Calinaghan**, Sixth Army; and **Spc. Edward Jenkins**, HHC.

Civilian employees were also recognized for their contributions to the battalion's soldiers.

Paul Getzschmann received a Department of the Army Civilian Achievement Medal and a 25-Year Pin for his service, which culminated in his work in the former batttalion dining facility.

Other dining facility employees who were recognized included **Nagi Trufant**, who received a DA Civilian Achievement Medal and a battalion certificate of achievement; and **Odessa Daniels** and **Eduardo Rivera**, who each received a DA Civilian Achievement Medal.

Receiving battalion certificates of achievement were **Dobie Dokes** of the Presidio Education Center, **Sharon Thomas** of the Presidio Army Emergency Relief office, and **Shirley Graves**, chief, California Sub Casualty Area Command.

The ceremony was the battalion's final monthly awards ceremony before the Presidio of San Francisco transitions to the National Park Service.

Army downsizing

Officer drawdown 85 percent complete, say personnel officials

—The Army is about 85 percent through its officer drawdown, according to personnel officials. Fiscal 1995 will see the service trim down by about 2,300 officers. Ensuring Army readiness, the 1995 Officer Drawdown Program focuses more on quality than quantity.

"The drawdown will be much more skill-based than it has been in the past," said Col. Charles Henning, chief of the Officer Personnel Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. While most reshaping tools will still be around next year, they won't apply to some soldiers. "Officers with critical or shortage skills will find that very few programs will be available to them, as far as separating before their obligation is complete."

Early Retirement will still be offered to officers in excess skills and grades, who have between 15 and 20 years of service. It's available to:

—Army Competitive Category captains who've been nonselected for promotion once.

—ACC captains in year groups 1986 and 1987, with 15 to 19 years of service.

— ACC majors in year group 1979, just before their first promotion consideration for lieutenant colonel.

—Majors who've been nonselected twice for promotion, who are not in critical skills.

— Special-branch officers who, at least once, have missed promotion to lieutenant colonel or colonel.

—Certain special-branch majors and lieutenant colonels with 18 to 20 years of service.

—Chief warrant officers in over-strength specialties, who have 17 to 20 years of service.

— Warrant officers with 15 to 19 years, regardless of specialty, who were once nonselected for promotion.

The drawdown is cracking down on majors twice nonselected for promotion. Selective continuation will be based upon the mission needs of the Army and the skills of the soldier.

"Therefore, majors who are twice nonselect for promotion from the fiscal 1994 ACC lieutenant colonel promotion board, results released on June 16, will be continued on active duty only to meet critical skill requirements," Henning said. "An August 1994 selective continuation board will select, for extended continuation, the minimum number of officers to meet critical skill requirements."

Those critical skills are in branches 18, 21, 25, 35, 74 and 88, and in functional area 48. FA 90 is added as a critical skill for year-group 1979 majors. Officers with critical skills aren't eligible for early retirement.

"As with all Army drawdown programs, the revised selective continuation program has both voluntary and involuntary aspects," Henning said. "Those two-time nonselect majors not in critical skills, who volunteer for early retirement before the selective continuation board will be selectively continued and allowed to request a retirement date as late as July 31, 1995, or upon achieving 20 years of qualifying service, whichever is earlier, thereby providing these volunteers maximum lead time to plan their transition."

Two-time nonselect majors with critical skills will be selectively continued until they're eligible for a 20-year retirement. Those not in critical skills and who don't volunteer for early retirement will only be continued until Feb. 28.

"Bottom line, if not in a critical skill, we encourage all twice-nonselected majors to elect the voluntary option of early retirement," Henning said.

The Voluntary Separation Incentive and Special Separation Benefit will stay the same. In fiscal 1995, the following officers are eligible: captains in the reduction-in-force zone -- year group 1986/87; captains once nonselected for promotion; and warrant officers and special branch officers, except the Army Medical Specialist Corps.

The Voluntary Early Release/Retirement Program has been reduced. Some lieutenants, not in critical skills, with two to three years of service, may volunteer to serve their remaining service obligation in a reserve unit. Certain Judge Advocate General Corps, Chaplain, AMEDD and warrant officers are also eligible for VERRP.

There will be no Lieutenant Retention Board in fiscal 1995. Officials said fiscal 1994 was the final year that retention board will be used to size a year-group cohort.

Selective Early Retirement Boards are continuing. Officers recommended by the SERB will be retired July 1. Fiscal 1994 was the final year for multiple SERB consideration for ACC colonels, The fiscal 1995 colonel SERB will consider ACC colonels promoted from Nov. 2, 1991 through Oct. 17, 1992—year groups 1969/70—and not on promotion list, or with an approved retirement in fiscal 1995 or 1996. Special branch colonels will also be considered, but not necessarily in the same zones of consideration as ACC colonels.

Lieutenant colonels previously considered by a SERB will be considered again this year. These officers must have 19 years of service as of Sept. 29, 1994, mainly year group 1975 or older, and not be on a promotion list, or with an approved retirement in fiscal 1995 or 1996.

As an exception to policy, officers can submit a retirement 24 months in advance, only for the following conditions:

—Assigned to critical or sensitive national or international positions;

—Have extraordinary service characterized by extraordinary heroism or extreme personal sacrifice;

— Have unique skills or qualifications, irreplaceable in fiscal 1995; or

—Documented personal or family hardships or situations that require humanitarian action.

Officers in the zone of consideration for SERB can submit a voluntary retirement request, to be effective no later than Aug. 31, 1995.

A warrant officer Selective Retirement Board is scheduled for Nov. 1 to 11, but it will be cancelled if enough warrants separate voluntarily, Henning said.

The reduction-in-force board for captains in year groups 1986/87 is slated for fiscal 1995. As in the past, officers will be offered VSI/SSB first, and if enough don't volunteer for VSI/SSB, the board will meet as scheduled.

The plan remains to RIF a year group only once, Henning added.

The medical service competitive category will also conduct a RIF, and a warrant officer RIF board is slated for Feb. 14 to 24, if there aren't enough voluntary separations. This board will target chief warrant officers 2, in overstrength specialties.

RIF boards are scheduled for February, with notification in April and separation by September 1995. (***Army News Service***)

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Defense Attache System looking for NCOs

The Defense Attache System is looking for some top-notch NCOs who want an exciting, challenging and rewarding new career field.

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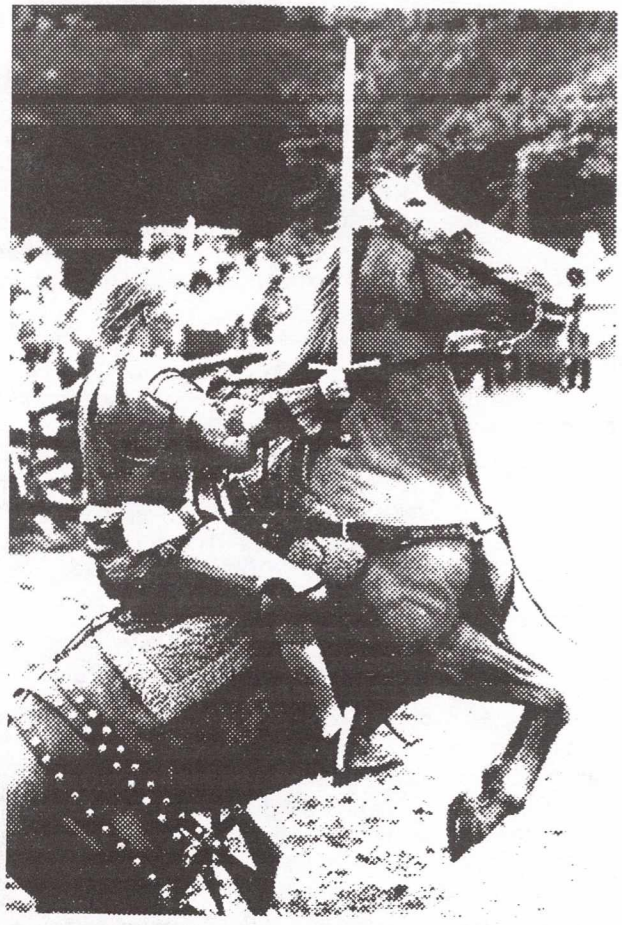
outstanding job of transitioning. The soldiers and civilians here should be commended, considering the circumstances; they are making it happen."

The Army will retain only what it needs to perform its mission here. This will encompass 277 buildings, including 600 housing units, as well as the golf course. MPs will provide security for all of these areas, Lee said.

"The bottom line is, from a law enforcement standpoint soldiers and their families will still call their MPs for assistance and support," he said.



The original cavalry

Sir William and his valiant steed charge into battle at the Queen's Royal Joust, held three times each weekend day at the 28th Annual Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Black Point Forest, Novato. The faire runs through Oct. 16 on the weekend. Opening ceremonies commence at 9:45 a.m. each faire day and is open to 6 p.m. For tickets and information, call 1-800-52-FAIRE. A military dicount is available.

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Departing DoD civilians assisted by Civilian Personnel Office programs

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The next two-and-a-half weeks will be a busy time for the Presidio's Civilian Personnel Office.

CPO, located in Building 37, will continue offering transition and job placement assistance for civilian employees looking for help after the post transitions to the National Park Service Sept. 30.

Meanwhile, the Outplacement Office and the Job Resource Center (JRC) have reopened on the first floor of Building 37. Services will be available Monday through Friday and Saturdays by appointment only, through Sept. 26. Employees should call **561-2554** for outplacement services information.

Appointments are not required to view vacancy announcements.

Centralized outprocessing for "all" employees will start Monday and continue through Thursday on the second floor, middle wing, CPO. Reporting times are being published separately.

Makeup outprocessing is scheduled for Sept. 19 for employees who are not available for the Sept. 12 through 15 time period. "Civilian employees must come in and use the services while they're still here," said Pat Capone, civilian personnel officer. Capone is on loan here from Fort Devens, Mass., through Sept. 28.

Capone said working with the CPO staff to handle employee transition issues here will be useful to her when she returns to Fort Devens, which is scheduled to close in September, 1995.

"Working here has been a valuable experience. The CPO staff is very good and is working hard to help employees. If I could, I'd take them with me," she said.

Sixth U.S. Army and the Association of the U.S. Army will host a job fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Presidio Community Club, Sept. 21. Employment Development Division Claims acceptance will be held on Sept. 22 and 28 in Torney Hall in Letterman Hospital, Building 1100. A processing schedule is being published.

CPO is continuing unemployment and transition services through the transition period.

The Private Industries Council (PIC) representative will be available every Monday and the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) representative will be available every Wednesday throughout September. The ACAP/Job Assistance Center (JAC) representative will conduct workshops on "How to Job Search" on Sept. 21 and "Interviewing Skills" on Sept. 22. All workshops will be held at the ACAP Office in Building 37. Employees must call **561-2554** for reservations.

Capone said the JRC will close on Sept. 26, after which the center will begin turning in its equipment.

Civilian employees who will be out of work after the post completes its transition should pay particular attention to two memorandums sent to all U.S. Army Garrison employees. The letters make reference to (a) Use or Lose Annual Leave policy guidance, dated Aug. 30 and (b) filling trail party positions and the impact of accepting tem-

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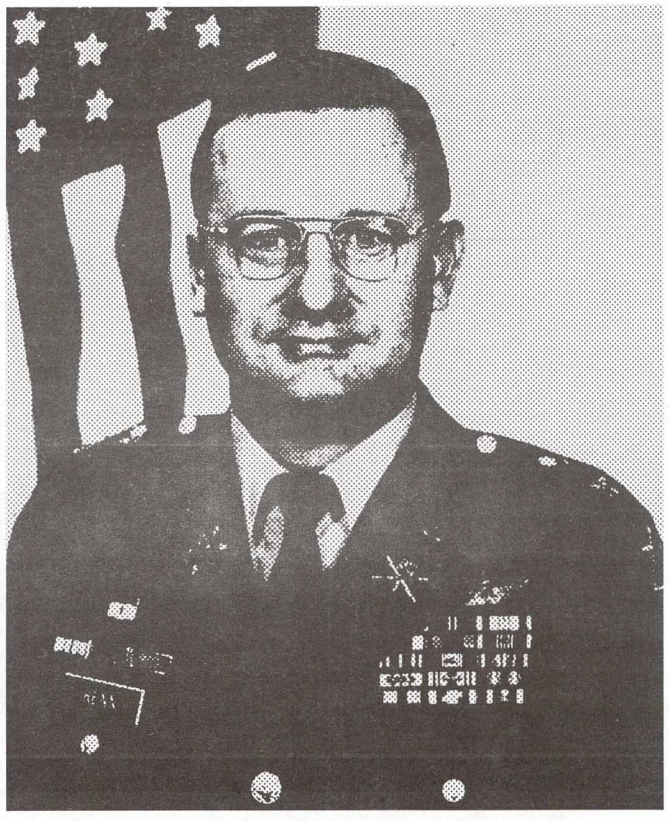
Wally and Mary Choi

Sing along fun! Join Sgt. 1st Class Wally Choi, Readiness Group San Francisco, and Mary Choi, Sixth U.S. Army, for karaoke, 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday at the Presidio Community Club. For information, call Mary at 561-3604

Ask The Commander



By Col. Gregory A. Renn
Garrison Commander

This will be my final commander's column. Thanks to all of the folks who raised their concerns to my attention so that I could let all of you know "what's happening" on this beautiful installation.

Spc. Monique Barnes, of the Sixth U.S. Army Secretary of the General Staff's administrative section, wants to know, "Why has the *Star Presidian* gone to a smaller format, and how long will the paper continue printing?" The *Star Presidian* has gone through a lot of changes lately. There are a couple of reasons for that. First of all, the commercial printer who originally held the contract went into bankruptcy proceedings and was unable to continue publishing. That resulted in the newspaper being published in-house and its current format. The contract for the new version of the *Star Presidian* expires Sept. 30. The newspaper is expected to continue after that date, but the format, frequency of publication, and budgeting have not yet been determined.

Sgt. Willie Jordan, Mail and Distribution NCOIC for Sixth Recruiting Brigade, asked, "I was forced to move from one set of quarters to another due to asbestos problems. Why was I responsible for cleaning and inspection of the old apartment when the workmen have to mess it up anyway?" According to my sources at the Housing Office, soldiers who have to move out of quarters because of asbestos removal are required to clean quarters based on a minimal cleaning standard. This standard is far different from the full cleaning required at normal termination inspections.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Burila of the Sixth U.S. Army Reserve Advisor's Office, asked, "Will the howitzer continue to be fired at reveille and retreat after our MP force downsizes?" The Military Police Detachment will continue to have the honor of conducting Reveille and Retreat at Pershing Square. The firing of the howitzer will continue to be part of this time-honored military tradition.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to me. It's been a pleasure to serve with you.

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Presidio Pulse

Chapel news

Sunday school for all ages (3 to adult) will begin at 9 a.m., Sept. 11, at the Religious Activities Center. Everyone is welcome. Teachers are needed as well. If you would like to serve the Lord this way, please contact Barb Scandrette at **668-9244** or the Chapel office at **561-4711**.

Ladies! Interdenominational Bible study begins from 9 to 11 a.m., Sept. 12, at the Religious Activities Center. We will be studying *Behold Your God*, a study on the attributes of God. Call **561-4711** for information.

Child Observation Class

City College of San Francisco sponsors a free child observation class for children ages 1 1/2 to 5 years of age from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the Girl Scout Hut, Building 563. The class is conducted by Marlene Baar and features playgroups, stories and art. Attend with your children.

Garrison luncheon

The Garrison employees' farewell luncheon takes place at 11:30 a.m., Sept. 16, at the Presidio Community Club Main Ballroom. The menu consists of fried chicken, beef tips and rice, jello salad, vegetables, coffee and iced tea. Cost is $6.50 per person. For reservations, contact Randy Beckett at **561-6058**.

Leave request

Tommy Morgan, an employee with Headquarters Command Battalion, U.S. Army Garrison, is experiencing a medical emergency. Morgan, an approved participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact Kassel Kendricks at the Civilian Personnel Office, Management-Employee Relations, Training and Labor Division, **561-3780**. Thank you for your support.

IG office move

The Office of the Inspector General will move to Building 39 Sept. 7-8. Anyone needing IG assistance during this time should come to Building 34, Room 219, or Building 39, Room 126. Telephone numbers for IG offices will remain unchanged. Beginning Sept. 9, the Office of the Inspector General will occupy rooms 124 to 142 in Building 39.

Pancake Breakfast

The Marina Lions Club is holding their annual pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon tomorrow at their facility at Chestnut and Pierce Streets. The menu consists of pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice. All proceeds benefit local senior citizens' programs.

Historical home tour

In celebration of the house's 100th birthday, the owners of the fine Queen Anne residence at 2000 Pacific Avenue will host a tour of the interior and garden under the auspices of The Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage.

In the 20 years of their stewardship, the owners have brought this grand house with its spectacular Bay views back from years of neglect in a thoughtful and careful renovation.

Participants will view the fully furnished interior on a self-guided tour, with docents trained by San Francisco Heritage available to answer questions. Birthday refreshments in the garden will complete the celebration. Please call **441-3000** for information.

Arboretum opening

The Strybing Arboretum Society invites the people of the Bay Area to the opening of the new Primitive Plant Garden at San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. This garden is Strybing's seventeenth major collection. The opening takes place at noon, Oct. 1, at the Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park and will feature special garden tours and talks by eminent botanists. This garden of ancient plants features a living fossil dawn redwood tree, a trove of tough, leathery cycads, a groundcover of miniature horsetails, tree-like ferns and fern-like ginkgo trees, and the spiny monkey puzzle tree.

Spouses group

The Presidio Spouses Group will have their monthly coffee at 7 p.m. Monday, at the Religious Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. Keep up with current happenings on the Presidio! Be a regular part of our group. If you are a military spouse living on the Presidio of San Francisco, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

Membership drive

The all new Presidio Spouses Club is having its Membership Drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 22, at the PX Mall. Open to all ranks, the Presidio Spouses Club is a social organization with emphasis on fund raising for various activities on post. If you have a special interest you would like to share with others, such as bridge, tennis, quilting, etc., the Presidio Spouses Club will also sponsor a table for you to distribute information at the Membership Drive. Please contact Jill Werner at **775-3041**.

End of an era 1983 -1994

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Former civilian employees from the Headquarters Command Battalion take their places before receiving their awards. They include Paul Getzschmann, Jesus Taclas, Odessa Daniels and Nagi Trufant, Dining Facility; Sharon Thomas, Presidio Army Emergency Relief; Shirley Graves, California Sub Casualty Area Command; Pedro Watan and Eduardo Rivera, Dining Facility; and Dobie Dokes, Presidio Education Center.

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Chief Warrant Officer Orville Gannon Jr., bandmaster, leads the Sixth U.S. Army Band through ceremonial music as guests arrive for the awards ceremony.

Headquarters Command Battalion conducts final recognition events

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Nineteen soldiers wait to be positioned on the parade field for awards to be presented to them by Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, commander, Headquarters Command Battalion, Presidio of San Francisco.

Army Commendation Medals were presented to Staff Sgt. Ralph Gutierrez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Spc. Scott Milne, Sixth U.S. Army Band.

Army Achievement Medals were presented to: Staff Sgt. Marian Anderson, Law Enforcement Company; Staff Sgt. Kevin Davis, HHC; Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III, HHC; staff sergeants Dwyke Onque and David Scott and sergeants Mark Hays, Michael Matchael, Angel Quinones, and Victoria Studt, all from the Sixth Army Band; Cpl. Heidi Kirk, HHC; and Spc. Richard McMillan, Sixth Army Band.

Battalion certificates of acheivement were given to: Lt. Col. Wayne C. Agness, assistant chief of staff, Sixth Army; Sgt. James Blunk, Sixth Army; Sgt. André Clark, HHC; Sgt. Hal Taylor, Sixth Army; Spc. Alexander Calinagan, Sixth Army; and Spc. Edward Jenkins, HHC.

HCB NCOPD

Extolling the virtues of leadership, Staff Sgt. Tommy Harper, Sixth U.S. Army Band, conducts the battalion's final NCO Professional Development Class in Torney Hall, Letterman Hospital, Building 1100.

The Presidio of San Francisco will hold a transition ceremony at 4 p.m. Sept. 30 to start the weekend of programs signaling the turnover of the post from its historically military background to its new function as part of the Department of Interior.

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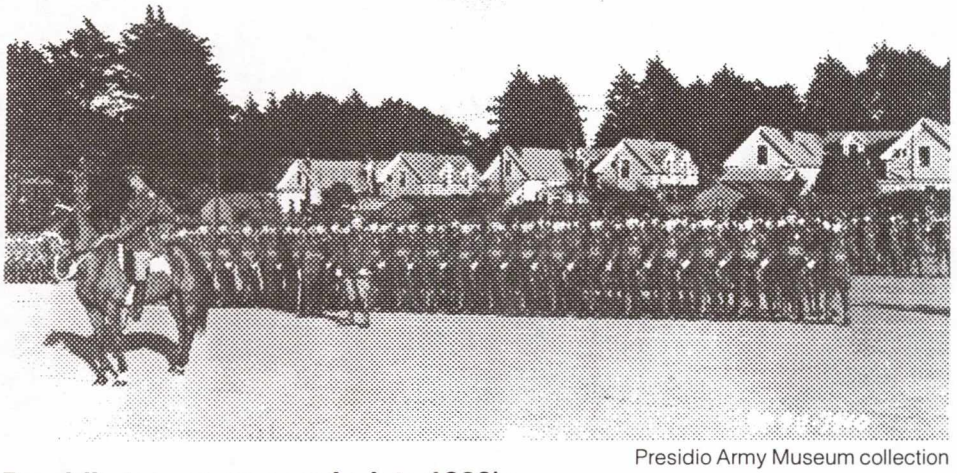
"Post to Park" fete marks transition

The transition of the Presidio from an Army installation to a national park will be aknowledged by several activities in the coming weeks.

First, U.S. Army Garrison will honor its employees, past and present, with a farewell luncheon at 11:30 a.m. September 16 at the Community Club. Deadline for sign up is today; contact Randy Beckett at 561-6058.

On September 30, an inactivation/retreat ceremony will take place at the main parade field at 4 p.m. The ceremony will include a reading of the Presidio's history, rendition of honors, inspection of troops, playing of the National Anthem by the Sixth Army band, inactivation of U.S. Army Garrison and Headquarters Command Battalion and remarks by Sixth Army Commander Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., and Garrison Commander Col. Gregory A. Renn. All Presidians are invited to attend.



Presidio Army Museum collection

Presidio troops on parade, late 1920's.

Also on September 30, the Golden Gate National Park Association will sponsor an evening event which will feature tours of the historic main post, dinner, entertainment and dancing, including a USO-style revue. Tickets are available by calling the Park Association at 776-0693.

On October 1, the National Park Service and the Park Association will conduct a formal ceremony and full day of festivities for the public at the main parade field. All Presidians are invited and encouraged to attend.

Enlisted early-out approved for FY 95

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- Army personnel officials have given the go-ahead for the enlisted Voluntary Early Release Program, designed to reduce the impact of budget constraints and lessen man-year obligations for fiscal 1995.

The program allows select Regular Army enlisted soldiers to terminate their service contracts and enlistment extensions up to 89 days earlier than scheduled. Those contracts and extensions must currently expire before April 1. Eligible soldiers must also have less than six years' active federal service on the scheduled expiration of term of service.

Soldiers who meet the above criteria are not eligible if they --

-- hold a primary military occupational specialty in 13B (cannon crewmember), 16T (Patriot missile crewmember), 19K (M1 armor crewman), 24T (Patriot operator and system mechanic), or 27X (Patriot system repairer);

-- are assigned to units in Korea;

-- are not medically cleared for separation by the anticipated early release date;

-- are denied early release in the interest of operational readiness;

-- are approved for voluntary separation under the fiscal 1994 or 1995 enlisted Voluntary Early Transition Program or other voluntary early separation program; or

-- are pending involuntary separation under any provision of AR 635-200, pending trial by courts-martial or are under investigation for offenses of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

To apply, soldiers should request early release on DA Form 4187. Requests must include the desired release date, which must be between 60 and 89 days before ETS. As an exception, soldiers scheduled to ETS in October or November may request a release date not less than 30 days before ETS.

Approval of release dates will depend on the time required to complete transition processing, including movement to the United States for soldiers stationed overseas. Approval authority is the first colonel in the soldier's chain of command; disapproval authority is the first lieutenant colonel in the soldier's chain of command.

To be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill benefits, soldiers must serve at least 20 months of a 24-month enlistment or 30 months of a 36-month enlistment. Army College Fund-eligible soldiers who meet the "20/30-month rule" will receive the prorated portion of their benefit. Soldiers must receive education benefits counseling at their local education center prior to separation.

Officials urge soldiers opting for early release to use the services of their installation Army Career and Alumni Program for benefits and job assistance counseling to help best prepare soldiers and their families for transition.

For more information on the Voluntary Early Release Program, soldiers should contact their local personnel service center.

Bleacher Brief

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Working on their dexterity, members of the Presidio Youth Activities Soccer Team pass soccer balls between themselves as fast as possible. The soccer team practices on the athletic field on the south end of the 700 block of Portola Street on post.

Youth Activities starts soccer program

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

The Presidio Youth Activities soccer team practices Mondays and Wednesdays on the athletic field in the 700 area at the south end of Portola Street.

The team, coached by Margaret Ortega, trains boys and girls ages 5, 6 and 7 years old. However, the team doesn't have a name as of yet.

Ortega said the team hasn't scheduled any games yet, but its goal is to compete with teams from other military bases.

"We're not in a league right now. We're just teaching the children how to play the game," Ortega said.

Ortega, a San Diego native, has worked for Youth Activities for a year. She was recently graduated from San Francisco State University where she majored in developmental psychology. She is now working toward her masters degree in the same field and said she will use her skills and knowledge to continue working with youths.

Just over 5 feet tall with long, dark hair and a tanned/olive complexion, Ortega has legs that suggest she knows something about the sport and may have the energy to keep up with the youngsters.

"I enjoy coaching children," Ortega said. "I know a lot about the game. I've played soccer for years."

Youth Activities is currently looking for youths from the ages of 8 to 11 years old to form another team. For more information, contact the Youth Activities Center, Building 386, at **561-5143**.

United Way holds Bay Bridge 10K

Presidians will have the chance to run across the Bay Bridge in the Lifespan, the Bay Bridge 10K run, Sept. 18.

The run marks the official kickoff of the 1994 United Way Campaign.

The run will also be the climax of the Fitness Expo to be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17 at Yerba Buena Gardens (Moscone Center).

The 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) run features a course that travels from the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza to San Francisco over the bridge's upper deck. If the fog cooperates, runners will have excellent views of the East Bay skyline, Treasure Island, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate. The course leaves the bridge at Fremont Street, turns left on Howard Street and ends at Moscone Center/Yerba Buena Gardens at Third and Mission streets in San Francisco. After the run there will be activities including food, massages and music at Yerba Buena Gardens.

The run will feature three start times. The Achilles Cup for the physically challenged begins at 6:50 a.m. The Governers Cup is the timed run for competitors, which begins at 7:10 a.m. The self-timed Fun Run and Walk will begin at 7:15 a.m. Skateboards, rollarblades, bicycles, strollers and animals (other than guide dogs) are prohibited.

For more information or to register, call **362-RACE**. To be a volunteer, call **403-1552**.

Juice-N-Nutrition

The former Juice Bar has changed its name.

The Juice-N-Nutrition store is located in Building 606, Mason Road, in the Post Exchange Mall. There, Joy Meserve serves up fruit juices, fitness drinks, smoothies and snow cones.

The store is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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porary appointments, dated Aug. 31.

The memo that pertains to use or lose leave is fairly straightforward. Basically, employees "separating from Federal service 30 September 1994 will be paid for all accrued annual leave to date." The memo goes on to explain how employees should submit requests for scheduling leave and how leave will be affected for employees who transfer to another federal agency. Questions on this guidance should be directed to CPO's M.J. Helgerson at **561-3779**.

The memo that refers to employees filling trail party positions or accepting temporary appointments gets a little more involved. The memo points out that Fort Lewis will be using the Priority Placement Program to fill temporary trail party positions at the Presidio. Transitioning employees who are considering temporary employment should get a copy of this Memorandum (if they don't already have it) and contact CPO's Gil Catano at **561-2422** for any clarifications.

Commemorative garrison coins, marking the closure of the Presidio of San Francisco as a military installation, are now available at the Presidio Community Club. The front and back of the coin are shown above. The cost is $3 per coin. Supplies are limited, so get your coin soon!

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor, *Star Presidian* :

I ask that you publish my letter so that I may make public my feelings of thankfulness toward the Presidio community and command concerning the house fire and loss of my 4-year-old son on Aug. 31. Never in my 12-year career have I seen so many people pull together in one direction to help meet the needs of one family, no matter how great the disaster.

From the moment I arrived at my burning house I was surrounded by agencies and people willing to go out of their way to comfort and provide for any needs of my family. Today the needs of my family are still being met.

There has been emotional assistance from friends, neighbors and members of my command. Physical assistance with housing, food and clothes came from what seemed like every direction, and spiritual assistance came from both the Catholic and Protestant communities. Not to mention the financial generosity shown by everyone through collections and donations of every sort.

It is the help of the community and command that I credit with my ability to function as a person today. Without it, I sincerely feel that both my family and I would have fallen completely apart at the seams.

After I leave the Presidio for new assignments, I will not only look back on it as the place where I lost my son, but as the place where so many people placed warm and helping arms around my family and me.

I am truly thankful to everyone involved with our crisis.

Special thanks to Lt. Gen. Mallory and Col. Crider for the recognition of the situation and their quick reactions and assisance. To the members and command of the Regional Training Brigade for the help with organizing and coordinating all ceremonies and events, to include transporting and comforting incoming family members. To the Christian Community for their spiritual and financial support. To the neighborhood of the 1700 housing area for the speedy donation of clothes, food, and protection and care of my surviving children. To Vicki Crider and Army Emergency Relief for their speedy and complete support. To the American Red Cross for their continued support. To the many organizations that donated everything from money to diapers. To every single person who has given help to me. And to my wife, Terry, who continues to try and help me understand why my son was taken.

Again, thank you to everyone. I will never be able to repay you.

Staff Sgt. Timothy D. Lake

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Cleanup

Chris St. Pierre collects a soil sample from the lawn of a set of quarters in the 700 area, Portola Street, on post. Montgomery Watson, a company that deals with environmental issues, is testing soil samples from areas where underground storage tanks were removed. Many family housing units were included in that phase of the overall environmental cleanup effort, a reflection of the upcoming transition of the Presidio of San Francisco from Army auspices to National Park Service custodianship.

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Garrison's legal services move

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The garrison's Legal Assistance and Claims offices have moved to Building 39. Legal Assistance is in room 308 and Claims is in Room 311.

These legal activities have been absorbed by the Sixth U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate's Office as part of the inactivation of U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of San Francisco. Meanwhile, Sixth Army has picked up a new Staff Judge Advocate in Col. Gary Casida, who arrived here from Fort Bliss, Texas six weeks ago.

Legal assistance is available for soldiers, family members and retirees, and claims activities remain available to active duty soldiers. However, soldiers must call first before going to seek assistance, as these offices are working with minimal staff. There are two military lawyers, one civilian lawyer, one sergeant major, one secretary and one noncommissioned officer handling all legal issues.

Courts martial responsibilities have been passed on to Fort Lewis, Wash.

Sgt. Robert Carden said the Claims Offices is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, while the Legal Assistance Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"Soldiers must bring their DD 1840 claims forms within 70 days of delivery of their household goods," Carden said. The office handles claims from household goods, shipping privately owned vehicles, etc., but only serves active duty Army customers.

"Navy personnel must file claims with their legal offices," Carden said.

The Legal Assistance office has one lawyer who is available by appointment only. Legal Assistance can help soldiers with counsel for marital separations, wills, powers of attorney, and other legal matters. The lone lawyer is also the only notary in the office.

The Sixth Army Staff Judge Advocate's office is primarily responsible for training the lawyers, legal NCOs and legal assistants assigned to the reserve units in the Sixth Army 12-state area, according to the office's Sgt. Maj. Van Mitchell.

In times of war these soldiers will perform the wartime mission of preparing soldiers' wills, powers of attorney and separation agreements for overseas movement.

"These are the same services that are provided to soldiers on a daily basis," Mitchell said.

Casida said SJA's primary missions are training, mobilization preparedness and military assistance to civil authorities. Its new challenge will be providing the services picked up from the garrison while maintaining the standards of its previous mission, and doing so with minimal staff.

To make an appointment with the Claims Office, call Carden at **561-3131** or **561-2162**. To obtain Legal Assistance services, call Mary Evans at **561-2164** or **561-3131**.

Commentary

POW-MIA day a time for reflection

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

Today is POW-MIA Recognition Day. Up until now, I used this day to reflect on the one and only prisoner of war of my acquaintance, Col. Ed Carlson, who was the Sixth U.S. Army DCSOPS a couple of years ago.

Up until now.

You see, this year I learned that I knew one other POW — and had known him for a long time.

That POW is my father.

This year, for the first time, Dad told the family about some of his experiences during the Vietnam conflict.

Dad was in the Air Force, flying out of Japan into Vietnam pretty regularly. The plane he was on carried top secret cargo.

Dad's plane was shot down over Cambodia. The crew's orders were, should that occur, to destroy the cargo. Well, the rest of the crew took off into the jungle, leaving Dad to complete that mission. That was when he was captured.

Dad lived in a grass and bamboo hut and was fed some rice every day. He says he was never mistreated or abused. He was released after nine days.

I wish I could tell you more, but that's everything I know. Breaking his silence of so many years was difficult enough; I guess he didn't want to tell us any more about his experience.

Interestingly, learning that my father was a former POW and about some of his experiences explained some things about him. Like why he never wanted to have Chinese food (the rice thing). And why sometimes he lashed out with such intense anger (you've heard of post-traumatic stress disorder, right? I'm no psychologist, but I'm pretty sure my father is a textbook case).

Maybe that nine days doesn't sound like much to you. Some POWs were imprisoned for years. But that nine days must have felt like a lifetime — wondering whether he would see his wife and family again, never knowing what the next day might bring.

For some time now, I have worn a few of Dad's service ribbons on my denim jacket. I have a new reason now for taking pride in them. My father went through hell for a cause he believed to be right — in the face of incredible opposition back home in the U.S. On this POW-MIA day, I will reflect on that and promise to do my best to maintain that same kind of courage in my convictions.

PRESIDIO YOUTH SERVICES
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Presidio Pulse

Membership drive

The all new Presidio Spouses Club is having its Membership Drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 22, at the PX Mall. Open to all ranks, the Presidio Spouses Club is a social organization with emphasis on fund raising for various activities on post. If you have a special interest you would like to share with others, such as bridge, tennis, quilting, etc., the Presidio Spouses Club will also sponsor a table for you to distribute information at the Membership Drive. Please contact Jill Werner at **775-3041**.

EDD assistance

Are you job hunting? Come register with us. The EDD statewide job match system is here every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., in the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37, 2nd floor. Sign up for appointments at the Outplacement Desk, or phone **561-2445**.

JAC courses

When you go for your job interview, will you know what you should say and do? Do you know what to expect? What will be asked? Learn skills to help you have a more "confident" interview. Attend the three-hour workshop on **interviewing skills** conducted by the Fort Ord, Calif., Job Assistance Center, 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 22. The class takes place at the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37. The JAC will also conduct a **job search overview workshop**, 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 21. Learn how to plan your job search, networking, where the jobs are, and prior planning for job transitioning. For reservations in either class, please call **561-2554**. Administrative leave may be granted at the discretion of your supervisor.

ACS news

Army Community Service is offering a parenting class focusing on infants and toddlers, 7 to 9 p.m., Monday. The class takes place at Army Community Service, Building 103B. Call Laura Pierce at **561-4525** for information.

Boating classes

Boaters or those interested in boating are invited to join a 13-week Boating Skills and Seamanship class beginning at 7 p.m., Sept. 22, at the Mariposa-Hunters Point Yacht Club, 405 China Basin, San Francisco. Class costs $20 and includes a textbook and training by experienced Bay Area volunteers of the United States Coast Auxiliary, Flotilla 11 (San Francisco).

Students learn principles of basic boat handling, navigation rules, communications, trailering, weather, anchoring and mooring, marlinespike seamanship (knot tying and line handling), marine engines, safety and legal requirements, basic sailing and other topics. At the end of the course, students receive a certificate of completion. This is *not* an on-the-water class.

Former students have expressed their appreciation for learning more about the boats they own, adding to their excitement at getting involved in boating. Boating Skills and Seamanship is meant to be educational and enjoyable with student participation and feedback.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is a civilian volunteer organization dedicated to helping boaters enjoy boating safely. In addition to safe boating classes, the Auxiliary offers free, voluntary boat inspections to make sure boats have all needs covered for safe boating. Auxiliary members also help keep boaters safe by responding to distress calls, helping supervise regattas and other boating events, and providing a forum for socializing among boaters and those interested in boating.

San Francisco's Flotilla 11 is thought to be the oldest flotilla in the country, having helped make boating safe for Bay Area boaters for more than 50 years.

For information about classes or Auxiliary membership, call Sal Frater, **461-9312** in the North Bay. In San Francisco and the rest of the Bay Area, call Rob Galin, **668-7250**.

CPR courses

As little as three hours of your time could mean the difference between life and death for someone you love. That's all it takes to learn CPR with your American Red Cross.

The Bay Area Chapter offers a wide range of Health and Safety classes, including CPR, year-round to ensure you are prepared to help a friend or family member in an emergency. **Infant and Child CPR, Standard First Aid, Babysitting Basics, First Aid for Lifeguards** and **Wilderness Emergency Response** are just a few of the courses you can sign up for now.

Call **202-0716** for more information about course schedules and registration. Most courses cost less than $50. Registration takes just a few minutes over the phone and can be charged to a credit card.

Sign up for a class now so you can be there for someone you love.

Octoberfest

Join us for an evening of old-fashioned Bavarian fun. The annual Octoberfest takes place 7 to 11 p.m., Sept. 23, at the Log Cabin. The evening will include a traditional German dinner of wurst and kraut and dancing to the "oompah" sounds of the Chuck Hamilton Band. Tickets are available at the Post Chapel after the Saturday and Sunday religious services. For information, contact Lee Davis at **775-9720**.

Office relocations

Family Child Care has moved to Building 682 (Religious Activities Center).

Army Community Service will move to Building 682 beginning Monday.

Youth Services will be closed from Sept. 26 to Oct. 2. It will reopen in Building 563 (Girl Scout Hut) on Ruger Street, Oct. 3. Youth Services needs volunteers to assist in the clean-up and painting of its new home. If you are interested, call Susan Burzo at **561-5143**.

Youth classes

Is your child interested in taking ballet/jazz classes? The time to register is now. Classes are offered at Youth Services, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost of the program is $40 per month, per child. Karate classes are also ongoing at the Presidio Youth Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost for this class is $40 per month. For information or to sign up, call Youth Services at **561-5143**.

Zoo "Art Safari"

The San Francisco Zoo will host its first annual Art Safari, an exhibit of contemporary wildlife drawings and paintings, Oct 1 and 2. This exhibit, inspired by the wildlife art classes taught at the Zoo, represents a collaborative effort by art instructor Carolynne Griffin and her students. The San Francisco Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. San Francisco Zoo Art Safari is free with paid admission to the Zoo. For more information about art classes at the Zoo or Art Safari, call **753-7073**.

Presidio's Education Center moves, changes policies and procedures

The Education Center has moved to the second floor of Building 682 (Religious Activities Center). The phone number is **561-3683**. Beginning Oct. 3, Jeane Redsecker, Education Service Specialist, will be the only permanent employee at the Center, which comes under the command and control of the Fort Lewis Sub-Installation and the Fort Lewis Education Center. Contracts for MOS Library and testing services are pending, and hours of operation will be announced when they are in place. Soldiers and others who have business with the Education Center will need appointments in order to assure service.

Soldiers can expect many of the services they have received in the past from the Education Center. Individualized counseling toward educational and professional goals has the highest priority. Tuition Assistance (TA) will continue, but Army-wide limits have been established for FY 95; soldiers will be limited to funding for nine semester hours, including independent study courses. TA will be paid at the rate of 75 percent of tuition, or caps of $60 for lower division courses, $85 for upper division courses, and $170 for graduate courses, whichever is less.

On-post college courses from Columbia College will continue to be scheduled if they

attract sufficient enrollment. Western Civilization I, a requirement for all of Columbia's bachelor's degrees, will be offered here on Tuesdays, 6 to 11 p.m., Oct. 25 through Dec. 13. Registrars will be at the Education Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Oct. 3, to enroll soldiers and others for this class and others available at Treasure Island.

The MOS Library is set up and open now. When a contract librarian is provided by Fort Lewis, regular hours of operation will be established and publicized. Contents of the MOS Library are based on an MOS density conducted in February with active Army units scheduled to remain in the Bay ARea. The purpose of the library is to support the training needs of active duty soldiers.

Educational testing services are available for both active duty and reserve soldiers. Some programs are also open to adult family members and DA civilian employees. Examples of tests available throughout the Education Center are the High School GED (soldiers only), College Level Exam Program (CLEP) and other tests for college credit, college entrance tests, the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE), graduate admission tests, and various certification exams. When a contract test examiner is provided by Fort Lewis, regular hours of operation will be established and publicized.

Although the Education Center has downsized, it is committed to quality service for the soldiers on the Presidio and in the Bay Area. For more information, call the center at **561-3683**.

DoD FY95 pay raise approved at 2.6%

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Information Service

A 2.6 percent pay raise, force reductions in the active and reserve components and payment of cost-of-living allowance to stateside service members are among the highlights of the 1995 Defense Authorization Act recently passed by Congress.

The pay raise, up from the 1.6 percent President Bill Clinton requested, is effective Jan. 1, 1995.

The act gives DoD $263.6 billion in total budget authority, the level requested by the president for fiscal 1995, which starts Oct. 1.

Congress used the authorization act to express its policy that the president should introduce a resolution to the U.N. Security Council to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia, if Bosnian Serbs have not acted on a peace proposal by Oct. 15.

The act calls for cuts of 85,484 active duty service members in fiscal 1995 and 44,753 in reserve component military strength. End strength for active duty is pegged at 1,525,692; for reserve components the number is 989,247.

The act also authorizes payment of a cost-of-living allowance to service members stationed in some continental United States locations where nonhousing costs exceed by a significant degree the national average. DoD has wanted this authorization for years. This is the first time Congress authorized such stateside COLA. "The methodology and locations for stateside COLA will be worked out as we know more about the language of the authorization act," said Pentagon officials.

The act modifies the president's authority to call up reservists. Congress extended the initial call-up period from 90 to 270 days. Any extension will require congressional approval.

Other personnel aspects covered in the act include:

- Expands transition benefits to members of the Coast Guard;
- Allows limited pharmacy benefits for retired members who relied on a military pharmacy closed by the base closure process;
- Requires the secretary of defense to develop a comprehensive policy on unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment by March 1, 1995.

"The equal opportunity and complaint procedures of each of the military departments . . . must be substantially equivalent to the procedures of the Army on such matters," the act states.

- Adds money to specifically address health care issues affecting women in the military, $20 million for research into telemedicine and $20 million for continued research into the cause and treatment of Gulf War Syndrome;
- Directs DoD to establish a dental benefits program for military family members overseas; and
- Improves health care and housing benefits available to dependents of service members who die on active duty.

The act increases the recruiting budget request of $534 million by $72 million. Congressional officials said DoD needs the increase to ensure recruit quality remains high in an increasingly difficult recruiting environment.

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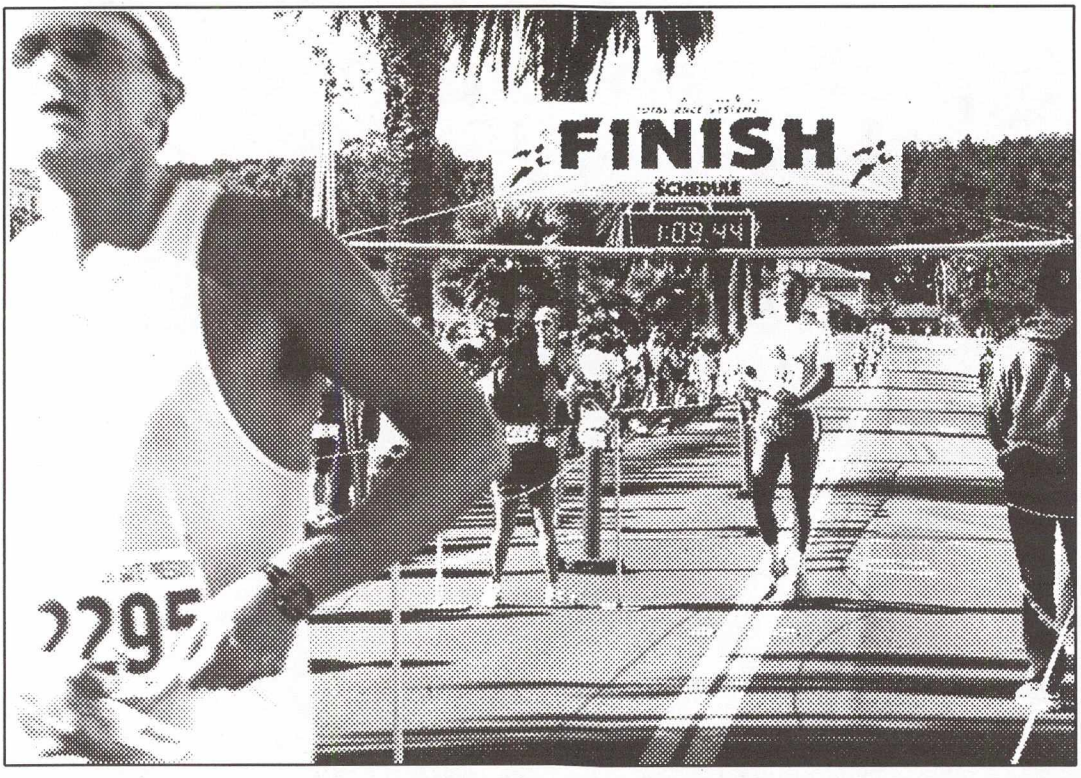

Made it!

Runners cross the finish line in front of Building 34 with a rare morning sun to keep them warm. The runners strided along a course that took them through the scenic Presidio of San Francisco Sunday. There were a number of fitness, running and bicycling organizations represented, all hawking their next events or advertising their wares. Runners were also treated to a massage after the race. MPs from the Presidio's Law Enforcement Company monitored traffic and ensured the race's safety.

Photos, Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Post Gymnasium continues fitness programs

Admission to all Sports Branch facilities (including the pool in Building 1151) will be permitted only upon presentation of a valid identification card to the staff.

Valid cards include: active duty Armed Forces, reserve component, retired military, family member or Department of Defense civilian ID cards.

Active duty military in uniform are not required to present their indentification card.

Facilities include the Main Gym, Building 63, the swimming pool and six tennis courts. Eligible personnel of the community are authorized to bring one guest to a facility. Guests will not be permitted during peak periods from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. All guests must be identified to the Sports Branch staff at the time of entry and signed in by their sponsor.

Guests will be permitted to use the facility no more than once a week.

For more information, visit in person or call the Sports Branch staff at **561-4131**.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Navas comments on changes, challenges to today's Hispanic service members

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Information Service

Today ethnic observances like Hispanic Heritage Month are necessary, said William A. Navas Jr. But he looks forward to the day when they're not.

"Now you need to have them to remind people," said Navas, an Army National Guard major general who is military executive of DoD's Reserve Forces Policy Board. "But I'm concerned that sometimes we lose track — lose the focus. In a lot of cases, when we have ethnic celebrations, we tend to have activities that only accentuate the differences." For example, Hispanic heritage activities often feature different styles of Spanish music, foods and clothing and accent the Spanish language.

"These are issues that are perceived as divisive," Navas noted. "We should use those types of things for other types of celebration. We should say, 'Look, we as Hispanics, as African-Americans, as Asian-Americans, as native Americans, are no different than you are — no different from the rest of society.

"Here's Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Bill Richardson, a congressman from New Mexico; Federico F. Pena, secretary of transportation; Hazel R. O'Leary, secretary of energy; Henry G. Cisneros, secretary of housing and urban development. They don't dress differently or eat differently. They're very productive parts of society," he said. "We need to showcase our similarities in those celebrations instead of showcasing the differences.

"That's where we could do better," he concluded. "When we want to commemorate something — a big festival in November for American Indians or a big commemoration on Dr. (Martin Luther) King's birthday — that's fine. But don't link it to the employment program, because that's promoting the differences. It becomes a 'we' day."

Navas is a fifth generation Puerto Rican, third generation Army Corps of Engineers officers. "My great, great, great grandfather came from Spain in the early 1700s and married a Puerto Rican lady around 1730," Navas said.

His paternal grandfather was an architect and served as an Army officer. After Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship in 1917, the elder Navas was among the first graduates from the newly created officers candidate school on the island.

His father was commissioned through the ROTC program in 1940 and served in World War II. After the war, he ran the family construction business until retiring about 10 years ago.

"My maternal grandfather was a pharmacist and a politician," Navas said. "He was also the mayor of our town. So on one side I was involved with the military and politics on the other. I'm glad I chose the military."

When Navas graduated from the University of Puerto Rico in 1965 with a degree in civil engineering, he received a Regular Army commission through the university's ROTC program.

"I came in the Army to be a 'lifer,'" Navas laughed.

After serving a tour in Germany, he commanded a combat engineer company in the 168th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam. Leaving Vietnam in 1969, he became the engineer adviser to the Puerto Rican National Guard.

"I knew very little about the reserve components, and I had the same prejudices that a lot of people had," Navas said. "I thought that would be the end of my career, but I was pleasantly surprised. There was a professionalism in the soldiers and maturity in the officers I didn't have in my company in Vietnam."

Five years into being a "lifer," Navas' father approached him one day and asked, "How much money do you make in the Army?"

"Well, I'll never get rich, but I enjoy what I'm doing," Navas responded.

"How much money are you making?" his father asked again.

"I'm making about $600 a month as a captain," he responded.

"You know, I'm hiring engineers fresh out of school and paying them almost three times as much," his father said.

Navas decided to resign his Regular Army commission in 1970 and work for his father. He didn't completely divorce himself from the Army, though. He joined the National Guard.

"One day I was the adviser to the battalion commander, and the next day I was one of his company commanders," Navas said.

His love for the military never waned. He kept working toward a successful military career. He used the GI Bill to get a master's degree in management engineering, graduated from the Command and General Staff College as distinguished graduate in 1976, the Inter-American Defense College in 1981 and several other military schools.

"I've always enjoyed being a soldier more than being a civilian engineer," he said. That love for the military was tested in 1981 when he had to decide whether to pursue an Army career or return to the construction business.

"I was offered the position as operations officer of the Puerto Rican National Guard," said Navas, a colonel at the time. His first love—the Army—won.

In 1984, he commanded the first engineer training exercise ever conducted in Central America. In 1987, Navas became the deputy director of the Army National Guard, was promoted to brigadier general and began his tenure at the Pentagon. He became vice chief of the National Guard Bureau in 1990 and served in that position for three years before coming to the Reserve Forces Policy Board.

The board is the principal policy adviser to the secretary of defense on reserve component issues.

Navas attributes much of his success in the Army to his upbringing. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Puerto Rico was going through its famous Operation Bootstrap, he said. Bootstrap succeeded in changing the island from "the poorhouse of the Caribbean" to an area with the highest per capita income in Central America and the Caribbean.

"Industrialization was starting," Navas noted. "A lot of mainland factories established manufacturing concerns around the island, especially in my hometown, Mayaguez, because it's a port city."

The family's business benefited from industrialization and so did young Navas. "My father being a civil engineer who served in the Army and my mother being bilingual — she attended the College of the Sacred Heart in Albany, N.Y. - I grew up in a bilingual family and bicultural environment," he said.

Educated in an American-run Catholic school and coming from a well-educated, bilingual family shielded him from the cul-

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tural shock his friends encountered when they ventured into mainstream American society.

"They studied English in the Puerto Rican public school system and were very good at reading, writing and grammar, but they didn't have conversational skills," Navas said. "They didn't understand a lot of things, especially American slang.

"When you learn English from textbooks and you're thrown in with guys from the Northeast, South and Southwest with different accents and slang, it's difficult to understand them," the general noted. "The moment you miss a point in a conversation, people see you as different.

"I could see how it was tough for them. A lot of discrimination they felt was the natural xenophobia we all have — the fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything strange or foreign."

He said there's a big emotional debate in Puerto Rico today about "Do you assimilate into the mainland culture? Do you maintain your culture?"

"For a long time, we all thought we needed to assimilate into the American society," Navas said. "I'm a product of that, and sometimes I have an identity crisis! I'm a little bit of everything! I'm not saying that's good, bad or indifferent. In my opinion, it's a fact!"

The American melting pot is no longer a valid concept, Navas noted. "What we have in this country is more of a salad bowl with all the different ethnic groups representing their own characteristics and uniqueness," he said. "What binds the nation together is kind of a salad dressing — the core values of our American system. Put that salad into a blender and you'll come out with an unattractive homogeneous goo. We have to come to grips with the fact that we're a nation of nations!

"Hispanics as a minority, or as an ethnic group, are very complex because the differentiating factors are not unique," Navas said. "You have different groups because of skin color, ethnicity, language and origin. In the case of Hispanics, it's all of the above.

"Some Hispanics have been in the United States for the last 500 years, especially Mexicans," he said. Others have been here for the last 500 seconds — the guy who just landed at (Washington) National Airport from El Salvador. Some Hispanics are American citizens by birth, like Puerto Ricans since 1917.

As to complaints about Spanish-speaking service members' inability to understand English well enough to handle sophisticated military hardware, Navas said, "That's a valid issue." If Puerto Ricans and other Spanish-speaking people want to be productive members of American society, they need to speak the language of the majority, he emphasized.

"Bilingual education should be a means of allowing everyone to master the English language," he added. "Whether it's official or unofficial is irrelevant. Down the road, we're going to have a bilingual nation. Hopefully, generations down the road will be able to speak both languages well. I think we're in a transition period; transition periods are always tough."

Some Puerto Ricans think mastering the English language is abandoning their culture and values, Navas noted. "Right now, there's a group of Puerto Ricans with roots in Puerto Rico who have lived in New York and other places for a long time who speak neither Spanish nor English well—that's sad!"

When throngs of people immigrated from Central and Northern Europe, speaking English wasn't a necessary virtue. A willingness to work was the only prerequisite because America needed muscle, Navas said. The United States was expanding its industrial capacity, so knowing the language and culture were immaterial. Immigrants could be productive without being members of society. They could earn money while learning the language and culture and assimilate into the melting pot.

That's no longer true, since the nation has moved from the industrial age into the information age, Navas pointed out. Today new immigrants must have language and social skills to participate in an information-based service economy, he said.

"Someone said once, 'The harder I work, the luckier I get,'" Navas said. "So my advice to young Hispanics coming into the military, like any major organization: You need to understand the values and the culture of that organization. You need to accept that.

"When I came into the Army, the values of the Army officers corps were the values and culture of white Anglo-Saxon Protestant male," he recalled. "They dominated the officers corps. I was a Hispanic-Catholic male. I looked at that and said, 'They're not that incompatible; I think I can work within this environment.'"

Anyone in a similar situation who feels unable to deal with that "should consider other alternatives — the military is not for everybody," Navas said. "Those accepting the challenge should be team players. Then you can try to influence the system. You have to believe in the organization, even if it has some flaws, and try to help the organization to evolve.

"I hope that when I leave, I have at least influenced things in some areas and caused changes for the better," he added.

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The act also authorizes $5 million to accelerate modifications to Navy surface ships to accommodate women.

Congress also changed some funding priorities for weapon systems and equipment. The act calls for $125 million to preserve the bomber industrial base for a year. The act calls on the secretary of defense to re-examine bomber requirements and capabilities. It also freezes current inventory of Air Force bombers at 95 B-52s and 95 B-1s.

Congress worked to preserve the industrial base in nuclear attack submarines, small arms, TOW missiles and tank engine production.

Congress continues to promote use of modeling and simulation in training, development of doctrine and acquisition.

In aircraft procurement, the act authorizes $2.5 billion for development of the Air Force's F-22 and $1.4 billion for the Navy's F/A-18 E/F. Congress also called on Defense, the Air Force and the Navy to examine a derivative of the F-22 as a joint program and authorized $158.3 million to extend the life of Navy F-14s.

Congress continued funding for the C-17 transport aircraft. It authorized six new planes and added funds for long-lead items needed for eight more aircraft.

For the Army, Congress added $72 million for six AH-64 Apache helicopters and $150 million to upgrade Kiowa Warrior helicopters. DoD is authorized $496.6 million for continued development of the V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft.

The budget authorizes $100 million to restore limited operational capability to SR-71 surveillance aircraft.

Congress delayed the president's request to field a shipboard version of the Hunter unmanned aerial vehicle and reduced the request of $604.2 million for the tri-service standoff attack missile by $298.9 million. Congress directed DoD to restructure the missile development program to include additional operational testing before proceeding to production.

The act funds $3.6 billion for a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, $2.7 billion for three DDG-51 Aegis destroyers and $608.6 million for construction of strategic sealift vessels. Congress authorized procurement of M-1A2 Abrams tank upgrades and added $17.9 million to the request. Congress added another $108 million to the Army's budget request for M-1A2 tank upgrades so the Army could transfer a comparable number of M-1A1 tanks to the Marine Corps Reserve.

Congress authorized $510 million for reserve component equipment. The funds are in "generic" categories, and reserve component officials are to use them to purchase equipment that contributes most directly to their domestic missions.

Other actions include:

- Increasing funding for Javelin and Hellfire missiles and upgrades to Stinger missiles;
- Adding money to procure commercial airframes to house the Joint STARS surveillance aircraft; and
- Adding funds for countermine warfare research.

The act continues the current allocation of depot maintenance workloads between DoD depots and the private sector. In addition, Congress allocated another $310 million to the administration's request of $7.2 billion for depot-level maintenance.

Officers, warrants get "early out" in 95

WASHINGTON (Army News Service)—As part of a comprehensive strength management plan during the continuing force drawdown, personnel officials have approved the voluntary release or retirement of several categories of commissioned and warrant officers.

The fiscal 1995 Voluntary Early Release/Retirement Program is one element of the overall drawdown program that includes Selective Early Retirement boards, Reduction-in-Force boards, the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program and the Early Retirement Program. Officers electing to participate in the VERRP must separate or retire by Aug. 31, 1995.

The 1995 VERRP is open to officers in the following categories.

Category A: First lieutenants in Army Competitive categories who were previously not selected for promotion to captain and who are not now on a promotion list. Category A officers may apply for early separation regardless of remaining active duty service obligation.

Category C: Lieutenants and captains with one year or less remaining on their ADSO as of the requested date of separation. These officers will qualify for early release if they obtain confirmation of an assignment to a Reserve or National Guard unit.

Category D: Promotable first lieutenants or above who wish to separate and who require a waiver of nonstatutory ADSO of any length. Category D requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis but will generally be approved for ADSO waivers of one year or less. These officers will qualify for early release if they obtain confirmation of an assignment to a Reserve or National Guard unit.

Category E: PERSCOM-managed, basic-branch warrant officers—less Army Medical Department and Judge Advocate General branches. Category E requests will be managed on a case-by-case basis but will generally be approved for ADSO waivers of one year or less. These officers will qualify for early release if they obtain confirmation of an assignment to a Reserve or National Guard unit. Warrant officer aviation specialties 152C, 152D, 152F, 152G, 153D and 154C are not eligible to apply for VERRP under Category E.

Category F: Retirement-eligible commissioned officers with at least 20 years' service who require a waiver of nonstatutory ADSO of any length. Majors and below may usually retire in-grade, provided they have completed six months in-grade as of the date of their retirement. Category F is not open to warrant officers.

Category G: Army Competitive Category lieutenants who have 24 to 36 months of active federal service by the date of their service separation, with the exception of:

—company-grade commissioned aviators who have more than one year remaining on their ADSO;

—commissioned officer aviators rated in AH-64, UH-60, CH-47 and OH-58D aircraft;

—military intelligence officers; and

—Signal Corps officers.

These officers will qualify for early release if they obtain confirmation of an assignment to a Reserve or National Guard unit.

With the exception of Category F, commissioned and warrant officers in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Army Medical Specialist Corps and Veterinary Corps may not participate in the fiscal 1995 VERRP. Medical Service Corps and Army Nurse Corps—less specialty 66F—officers may participate. Excluded Army Medical Department officers may request separation or retirement in cases of extreme hardship or exceptional or unusual circumstances.

Requests for early release or retirement must be submitted by Jan. 31. Approvals will be based on the needs of the service reflected by year group, grade, branch, functional area and competitive category.

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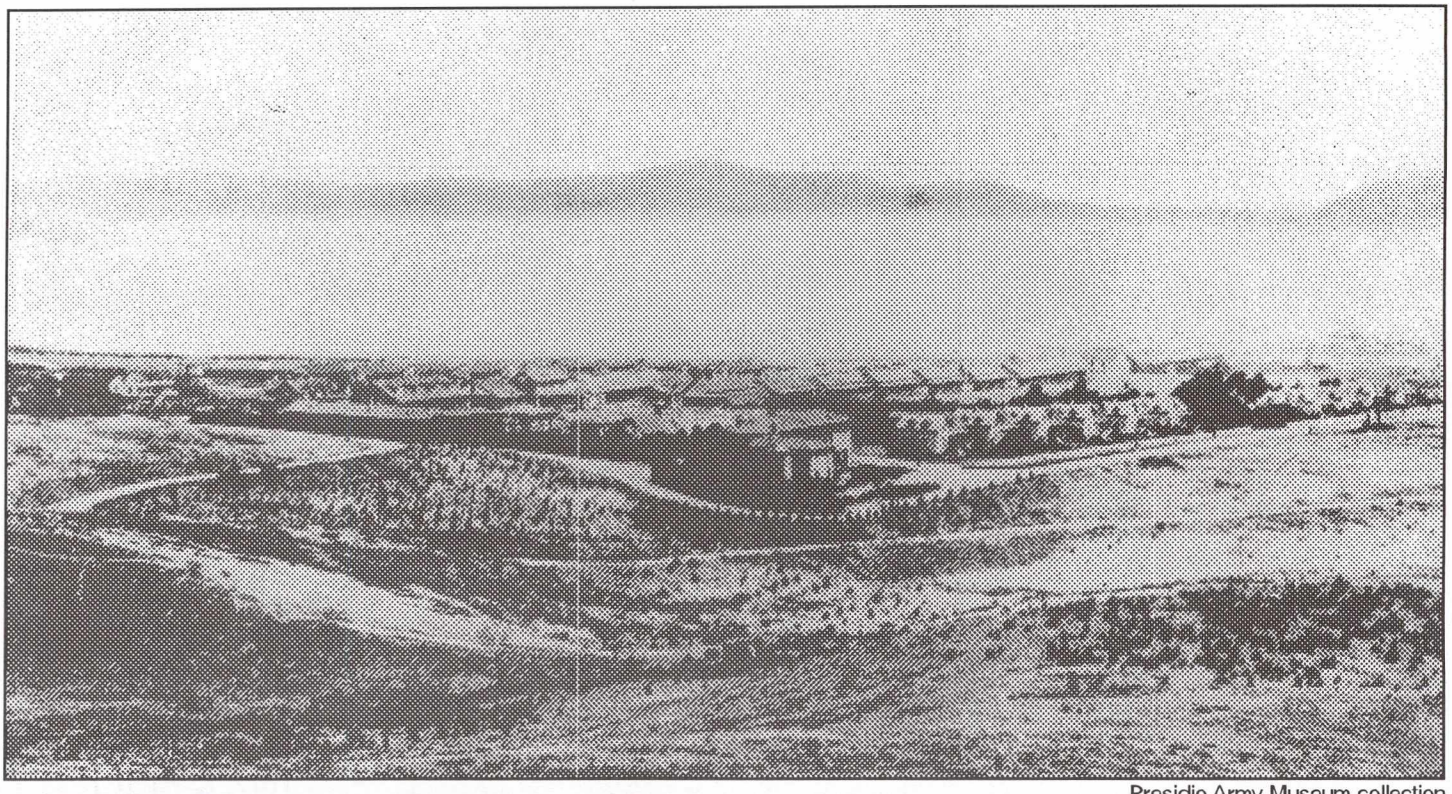

Presidio Army Museum collection

The Presidio of San Francisco, as it looked in 1883.

Festivities mark Presidio's transition

By Tracy Fortmann
Special to the *Star Presidian*

The National Park Service and the Sixth U.S. Army have announced plans to commemorate the Presidio's historic transfer from post to park on Oct. 1. The series of activities includes a special public presentation by Vice President Albert Gore tomorrow, concluding with a U.S. Army Garrison inactivation and retreat ceremony on Sept. 30 and an all-day event featuring a ceremony, walks, tours, performances and other festivities from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 1.

Other activities include a National Forum on Partnerships Supporting Community Education for the Environment, a variety of Presidio walks and tours led by National Park Service rangers and docents during the week prior to transition, an alternative fuel vehicle exhibition, and a dinner benefit to raise funds for the new park sponsored by the Golden Gate National Park Association.

Concerning the "post to park" conversion, Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr., Commander, Sixth U.S. Army said, "The Army is proud of its 148-year stewardship of the Presidio. The Presidio has a new role now, and we look forward to working closely with the National Park Service as it takes this historic installation into the 21st century."

"Oct. 1 marks the beginning of a new era at the Presidio," said Presidio General Manager Bob Chandler. "This beautiful and historic military base, which has served our nation for more than two centuries, will soon be the centerpiece of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. In its new role, it will serve our country in new and important ways, becoming not only a spectacular urban park but also a center for research and learning on environmental and cultural issues."

Special presentation by Vice President Gore, tomorrow: Vice President Gore will address the public about this extraordinary, one-of-a-kind base conversion. It is expected that he will also announce several new environmental initiatives. This event will take place at 10 a.m. at Pershing Square on the main post of the Presidio.

Military Inactivation/Retreat Ceremony, Sept. 30: The Sixth U.S. Army will conduct an Inactivation/Retreat Cer-

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Commentary

Saying good-bye to my old Presidio home

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

I can quote more accurately from The Byrds' old song, "Turn Turn Turn," than I can from Ecclesiastes, but the reference comes from both places: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

The song (and the Bible) goes on to talk about the time to rejoice and the time to mourn. For me, the closure of the Presidio of San Francisco as a military installation is a little of both.

I struggled with the writing of this column. In fact, I think I started it four times before I came to grips with my feelings about the transition of the Presidio from post to park. The Presidio is the place where, in many ways, I experienced my true coming of age.

I came here nine years ago, at the age of 21, from Portland, Oregon. I had first visited San Francisco on vacation a mere month previous to being hired at Sixth U.S. Army's Financial Management Division. It seemed like I spent the entire first year wondering whether I would wake up from my dream and be back in Portland, working at the Corps of Engineers.

I have been both ecstatically happy and miserably depressed during the past nine years -- a situation I'm sure I share with just about anybody else. The memories come by bits and pieces -- little flashes and snippets of scenes of friends made and now long gone. I'm not sure where to begin, because the memories don't always have dates and times attached to them.

I remember Boss' Night at the NCO Club and Right-Arm Night at the Officers' Club -- back in the days when you could barely get onto the dance floor because there were so many troops stationed here and out supporting the various on-post activities.

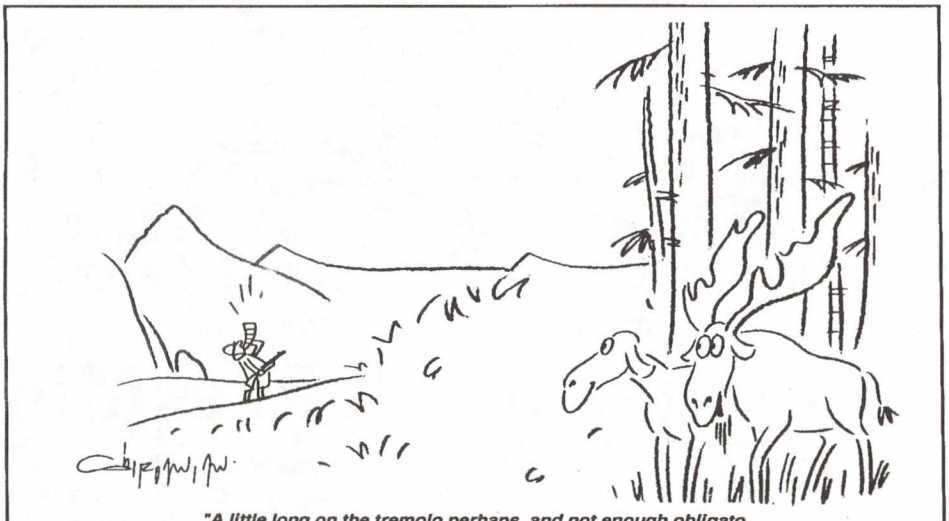
I remember mentors like Col. Tom Ackerman, who taught me how to step out of my comfort zone to follow my dreams. Like Col. Charles O'Brien, the public affairs officer who believed in my talents so much that I was terrified of letting him down and worked extra hard as a result. Like Leslie Tucker, who helped me past my more frustrating moments as an intern and who made me believe I could face any challenge that came my way.

I also remember the supervisors who showed me how **not** to run an office or motivate others, but that isn't really worth getting into here.

There are friends, both military and civilian. Some of them are still here on the Presidio, but many have departed for other locales. The faces of those who have moved on rise before me: Spc. Zack Madric, a lay minister who prayed with me for a terminally ill friend; Shunda Ashley-Criswell, the computer clerk who welcomed me with open arms into her office and who baby-sat me through numerous migraines; John McGarrah and his wife, Stephanie -- John and my now ex-husband would go out together while Steph and I played darts and danced at the club. There are others, of course, but my space is too limited to list all of the wonderful friends I've made here.

The friends who are still here are faces that, in some cases, I have known since I arrived. Rena Davies, Dixie Porter, Marian Kemp . . . the list seems endless. And there are new friends, too, some of whom will be moving on before I feel ready to let them go. That's how it is with the military, though. Sometimes you have no choice but to say good-bye.

And now it is the season to say farewell. As the lights are extinguished over the Presidio, I will feel that I am saying good-bye to a friend. The Presidio of San Francisco has been more than a place of employment, it has been a home. Shakespeare said it very well in *Romeo and Juliet*: "Parting is such sweet sorrow, and so I bid farewell until the morrow."



"A little long on the tremolo perhaps, and not enough obligato, but all things considered, not a bad call."

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Presidio Pulse

EDD assistance

Are you job hunting? Come register with us. The EDD statewide job match system is here every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., in the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37, 2nd floor. Sign up for appointments at the Outplacement Desk, or phone **561-2445**.

Office relocations

Family Child Care has moved to Building 682 (Religious Activities Center).

Army Community Service will move to Building 682 beginning Monday.

Youth Services will be closed from Sept. 26 to Oct. 2. It will reopen in Building 563 (Girl Scout Hut) on Ruger Street, Oct. 3. Youth Services needs volunteers to assist in the clean-up and painting of its new home. If you are interested, call Susan Burzo at **561-5143**.

Youth classes

Is your child interested in taking ballet/jazz classes? The time to register is now. Classes are offered at Youth Services, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost of the program is $40 per month, per child. Karate classes are also ongoing at the Presidio Youth Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost for this class is $40 per month. For information or to sign up, call Youth Services at **561-5143**.

Parking notice

Vice President Al Gore will address Presidio personnel and the public about the transfer of the Presidio to the National Park Service at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Pershing Square. Department of the Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Department of Army Under Secretary Joe R. Reeder, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi will also be part of this important event. Other dignitaries will also be present. Set-up for this event begins today. As of 10 a.m., no parking will be allowed in the lot directly across from the Presidio Community Club. In addition, for security purposes, windows in all buildings facing Pershing Square must be closed from 6 a.m. to noon tomorrow.

Job openings

The National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, has an opening for an **Education Specialist, GS-1712-11**. Announcement Number GOGA-94-73 closes Sept. 29. Incumbent of this position will be required to wear a uniform and to operate a government vehicle. Another job available is that of **Construction Representative, GS-0809-08**. Announcement GOGA-94-74 closes Sept. 29 as well. Incumbent of this position will be required to wear a uniform. For information on either position, contact the National Park Service Personnel Division, Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123, or phone **556-2035**.

Chapel news

Sunday school for all ages (3 to adult) take place at 9 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center. Everyone is welcome. Teachers are needed as well. If you would like to serve the Lord this way, please contact Barb Scandrette at **668-9244** or the Chapel office at **561-4711**.

Ladies! Interdenominational Bible study takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. Mondays at the Religious Activities Center. We will be studying *Behold Your God*, a book about the attributes of God. Call **561-4711** for information.

CCD, the Catholic program for children from age 4 to young people who want to join the two-year confirmation class, takes place Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center. We need people who could substitute or any teenager who would be office manager or helper. If you are interested, please call Jeanne Bergeron at **387-1918** or Sister Agnes Teresa at **561-4711**.

For history buffs

Join the San Francisco History Association in recalling San Francisco's two 20th century world's fairs. Two fall programs will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street at Geary/Starr King Way Triangle. The first program, Oct. 20, will feature the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exhibition that shaped the Marina District. The second program, Nov. 17, will star the "technicolor" Treasure Island Fair (Golden Gate International Exhibition) of 1939-1940, as the world poised for war. Both programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Call the San Francisco History Association at **750-9986** for details.

Columbus day

With producer/director Francis Ford Coppola, Rear Adm. Ernest Tedeschi, Jr., and "Queen Isabella" leading the way, the traditional Columbus Day parade celebrating Italian heritage in San Francisco will start at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 9.

The start of the parade will be hard to miss since it's timed to coincide with the Blue Angels' finale performance of the Fleet Week Air Show, which can be viewed from the wharf. Grand Marshals Coppola and U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Tedeschi will preside over the parade as it makes it way from the Embarcadero, starting at Jefferson, through Fisherman's Wharf to Leavenworth and up North Beach's Columbus Avenue, ending in Washington Square.

More than 150 entries -- including marching bands, clowns, horses, decorated cars and 11 floats -- are expected to participate in the two-hour-plus parade.

Several other events lead up to the parade. "Queen Isabella" will be crowned during the 12th Annual Festa Italiana celebration at Pier 45 Sept. 30. The festival, which will stretch from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, will include continuous entertainment, bocce ball tournaments, historical exhibits, a wide range of Italian cuisine, and fireworks on Friday and Saturday nights.

For information, contact Festa Italiana at **673-3782**.

On Oct. 2, San Franciscans of Sicilian descent will pay tribute to the Madonna del Lume, revered patroness of fishermen. The celebration begins with a solemn high mass at 11:30 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Church at Washington Square, followed by a procession to Fisherman's Wharf where the pastor will bless the fishing fleet. The procession concludes at the chapel at Pier 45.

Singles club

The Presidio Golden Gaters, a singles social club, welcomes you to join them at dinner at 7 p.m., Oct 8, at the Presidio Community Club. Dancing follows. Who may join? Retired or active duty military, widowed, divorced and otherwise single, who would enjoy social activities with others. Call Margaret Santos at **921-8930** for reservations and information.

AAFES hours

AAFES facilities will operate on the following schedule Oct. 10: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Shoppette, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Anthony's Pizza, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All other facilities will be closed.

Barbara Gannon, garrison deputy commander, helps Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco pass out certificates of appreciation to each employee attending the post's farewell luncheon.

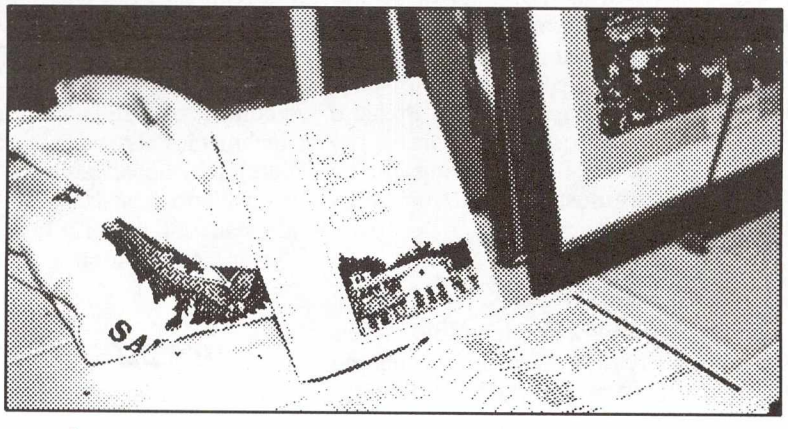
Farewell luncheon— post honors workers

Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

The Presidio of San Francisco held a farewell luncheon for its garrison employees Sept. 16 in the Presidio Community Club. The Main Ballroom was filled to capacity. The luncheon provided Col. Gregory A. Renn, the post's final garrison commander, with the opportunity to express his gratitude to the many civilian employees who have helped enhance the quality of life for the Presidio's soldiers.

The luncheon included music and prizes, and, as a special treat, attendees received a unique commemorative coin.

Above, Col. Gregory A. Renn, garrison commander, and Chief Warrant Officer Orville Gannon, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army band master, hand out special commemorative coins to garrison employees. These coins are not the same ones that will be available to the general public. Right, sweatshirts, historical photographs and a Presidio Cookbook were some of the prizes given away at the post's farewell luncheon .



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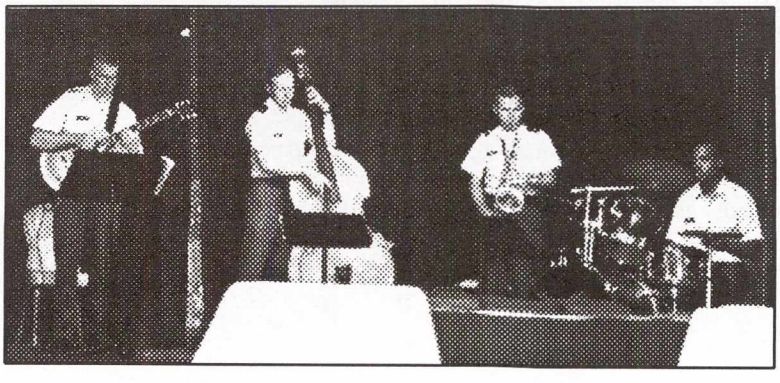

Fond farewells

Upper left, attendees found an excellent opportunity to personally greet and meet the Sixth U.S. Army commanding general, probably for the first time in some cases. Left, Spec. Richard Huffaker on guitar and Sgt. Andy Bourke on upright bass bend the strings that filled out the Sixth U.S. Army Band Jazz Combo's sound. Below left, the Jazz Combo which also featured Staff Sgt. Russ Robinson on saxophone and Spec. Tracy Williams on drums performed a number of tunes as the luncheon got under way. Above, Col. Michael J. Brennan, commander, Letterman U.S. Army Hospital, shows off the token of appreciation presented to him from Col. Renn. An avid historian (as many Presidians have discovered), Brennan's tenure here featured another example of the effects of base transition. Brennan has been responsible for overseeing Letterman's downsizing from a fullsize hospital to a troop medical clinic.

Inline skating

Fast rising sport has benefits, risks for skaters

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

Experienced skaters perform with the grace and style of Nancy Kerrigan. They can generate the speed of Dan Jansen or combine the speed and stick handling of Mario Lemieux or Steve Yzerman to score goals.

Yet they've never set foot on ice.

The 1990s have seen in-line skating change traditional roller skating into ancient history. The sport, with roots on the Southern California boardwalks, now involves 12 million skaters nationwide.

It's popular in training winter athletes. Cross country skiers, speed skaters and hockey players use in-line skates to condition themselves for their ice and snow competition during winter months. There is even a professional roller hockey league.

Most in-line skaters are doing it for exercise and recreation -- and doing it in large numbers. Thousands of skaters now use in-line on their local fitness course as an alternative to running or cycling.

Its benefits are tremendous, according to Dr. Carl Foster, an exercise physiologist. Cardiac rehabilitation and exercise testing director at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee, Foster told *Essence* magazine in-line skating is the perfect all-around sport.

"Running doesn't build strength and weightlifting doesn't do anything aerobically," said Foster. "In-line skating builds muscle and it gives you an aerobic workout." Its benefits include toning hips and thighs and can burn 250 to 500 calories in a 30-minute workout.

It also provides recreation to kids looking for an alternate sports program. "Kids are looking to stay in shape for scholastic sports," said Gary Bingham, community relations assistant with the National Hockey League's Washington Capitals. "There are in-line hockey leagues all around the country, giving the kids an alternative to basketball and baseball."

An example of in-line skating's popularity is a recent tournament, sponsored by the Capitals and Bauer, makers of hockey equipment. Bingham said 300 kids formed 22 teams in three divisions and competed in a three-day festival.

"Many players also play ice hockey, and this gives them a chance to practice their stick handling when many ice rinks are closed," Bingham said, adding that in-line skating also helps those not playing ice hockey. "It teaches balance, improves hand-eye coordination and it's good conditioning. Any athlete, whether playing football, basketball or hockey, needs these traits to compete."

Yet for all its benefits, in-line skating doesn't help anyone if skaters don't have proper training and proper equipment. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates 83,000 in-line skating accidents requiring emergency room visits will occur in 1994; 60 percent will involve children under 15. A June 15 report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* cites 37 percent of all injuries involve broken or sprained wrists. Therefore, not only are quality skates essential, but so are protective gear for the head, elbows, wrists and knees.

"When a person comes into the store for in-lines, my people also recommend helmets and pads," said Tom Allshouse of *Champs* sporting goods in Alexandria, Va. "Many think all we're doing is trying to increase the sale, but that's not the case."

Allshouse added many states require safety equipment. "In Virginia kids under 13 can't ride a bicycle without a helmet, and there's a move here to have the same rules apply to in-line skating," he said. "It's dumb for a person to come in, buy skates and think they're not going to fall."

Good, quality skates are not cheap -- a good pair runs $150 to $200. Allshouse said many department stores offer in-lines at $40 to $50, but they don't provide the quality or support needed for even recreational use.

"Like any hobby, in-line skating's going to cost money," Allshouse said. "We recommend people first rent skates and equipment, learn the basics and find out if they like it." He added most community recreation agencies have rentals and instruction. Skaters may also buy or rent instructional videos that teach the basics.

During this beginning phase, learning how to balance is the most important part of in-line skating. *Essence* health writer Benilde Little recommends the following:

- Practice on grass or a carpet before hitting the trails. She said walking around with your big toes pointed outward and balance on one foot helps skaters learn their skates. "The better your balance gets, the easier you'll be able to stop and stride."
- Once on pavement, continue to practice balance. She recommends standing with feet four to six inches apart, arms in front and knees bent.
- Avoid hills and inclines. She recommends starting in parking lots and tennis courts until skills improve.
- Use ski poles. Not only do they help balance, they add to the aerobic workout, especially if the person is a cross country skier.

Once skaters are ready for fitting, Allshouse gives some hints on looking for the best possible skate:

- Test the boot for ankle support. Pinch the boot at the upper ankle and bend it from side to side. If the boot flexes easily, it may not offer enough support.
- Look at the brake. Allshouse said the brake should be solid rubber and measure 1-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches. "If it's too small or too soft, it might not give you a safe stop," he said.
- Test the skate's frame. The frame is as important as the skate's brakes. The frame attaches the wheels to the boot and should be strong and rigid.
- Check the wheels and bearings. Soft wheels are best for outdoor skating, as they absorb shock and grip pavement. Hard wheels are more for competitive skating and used mainly indoors. Bearings decide how well the skates roll. Good bearings should turn smoothly and quietly.
- Wear athletic socks when shopping for skates. Like fitting a running or basketball shoe, in-lines are best fitted when wearing appropriate socks.
- Initially avoid five-wheeled skates. These are for racing and training. Allshouse recommends three- and four-wheeled skates for recreational use.

"Telemedicine" is the future for DoD

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

The "Golden Hour" is the Holy Grail of military medicine. After a battlefield injury, there is a critical time in which medical care -- or lack of it -- will make a life or death difference.

This period is more than 60 minutes for many, but life ebbs as the clock ticks. So military medical planners have steadily improved their ability to treat injured military members fast. Using helicopters to evacuate the injured was a dramatic breakthrough for military medicine.

Now telemedicine is another such breakthrough, and DoD's top doctor said it may be the one that allows military doctors to meet the elusive Golden Hour goal more consistently. Telemedicine allows doctors to make "house calls" to a refugee camp or a battlefield thousands of miles away. Speaking before the House Armed Services Committee in Washington, Dr. Stephen Joseph, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, outlined DoD's successes in telemedicine and his hopes for the future.

Joseph defined telemedicine as "a capability which allows projection of a health care professional over time and space to the location of a patient or other collaborating health care professionals." The connection is electronic.

Telemedicine falls into two categories, said Joseph, mainstream and leading edge. Doctors using E-mail to collaborate with colleagues in distant locations are using mainstream telemedicine, he said. Something as simple as a patient getting a doctor's advice over the telephone is also mainstream telemedicine.

Leading edge applications are "pushing the envelope of biotechnology by folding advances in medicine into the burgeoning technological explosion and creating new possibilities for the delivery of health care," said Joseph. He cited a few mainstream initiatives:

• **The Composite Health Care System**. This computer operating system allows distant clinics to input laboratory, radiology and pharmacy orders to the main hospital. The system also allows test results to be reported back. The system also allows doctors to consult with each other by E-mail.

• **Computer Assisted Processing of Cardiograms**. DoD implemented this system more than 10 years ago. The system pioneered military medical efforts to provide communications and related technologies to enhance health care support to remote locations. The system enabled highly trained cardiologists to help treat patients at remote sites.

• **Telepathology**. The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has had this capability since October 1992. The institute has used the technology for more than 200 diagnostic consultation cases.

• **Medical Digital Imaging Support System**. This system provides filmless teleradiology. It is in use or planned for use in medical treatment facilities of all three military departments and by VA hospitals.

• **Project Akamai (ak-a-my)**. This project allows Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu to support a referral area of more than 1 million square miles with a diverse military and civilian user group throughout the Pacific basin. It transmits medical information from remote sites to Tripler for diagnosis and consultation.

Leading edge applications must be capable of being integrated with other military medical applications. They must also be flexible for a variety of health care settings and based on deployable, commercially available, affordable technologies. Finally, they must be part of an overall program of health quality improvement or cost reduction, said Joseph.

One leading edge technology passing these tests is the U.S. Transportation Command Regulating and Command and Control Evacuation System. This system tracks a patient from the battlefield to a receiving hospital in the United States. It will identify the hospital best able to care for the patient and the most direct route and appropriate flight to get there. It will also monitor and display the patient's vital signs and list other equipment needs en route.

The Air Force is testing teleradiology in an air transportable hospital, said Joseph.

The Navy is using computer-aided diagnosis on ships and submarines staffed only with independent duty corpsmen. In combination with other applications, such as the medical digital imaging system, bringing specialist consultant information to the ship reduces the number of medical evacuations.

Operation Primetime is a program of real-time consultive support for Fleet Hospital Six serving United Nations peacekeeping operations in Zagreb, Croatia. The program uses telephone and satellite connections for diagnoses and consulting. Primetime has avoided the need for at least 15 medical evacuations from Zagreb so far.

In the United States, Project Seahawk medical digital imaging technology allows physicians at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash., to serve remote sites in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, is testing an advanced X-ray source from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California to perform digital mammography. The procedure offers the potential advantages of finer resolution, increased accuracy, automated processing of screening tests and, eventually, reduced costs.

DoD is working with other federal agencies and industry to fully exploit the potential for telemedicine. Joseph said rapid advances in communications and related technology will continue to expand methods and applications of telemedicine.

He urged pushing forward with telemedicine research and development.

"In this way, military medicine can harness the explosion of biomedical technologies to ensure the highest quality care for our patients," Joseph said.

"Already the military services are experimenting with technologies that can transform the battlefield, technologies that are on the verge of capturing the fabled 'Golden Hour' in which to save the lives of our troops."

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emony at Pershing Square on the main post at 4 p.m., Sept. 30. During the ceremony, the Presidio's U.S. Army Garrison and Headquarters Command Battalion will be inactivated and their colors retired. Following the inactivation ceremony, the Army will conduct retreat, lowering the U.S. flag for the last time on the Presidio as a military installation.

Public Event, Oct. 1: The National Park Service and Golden Gate National Park Association will host an all-day event, The Presidio: From Post to Park, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 1. Festivities will include ecology hikes, museum tours, architectural walks, historical reenactments, cultural exhibits, entertainment, childrens' programs, films and ethnic food sales. Park Service rangers and docents will be on hand throughout the day to help visitors learn about and enjoy this newest addition to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The official ceremony will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the historic main post parade ground. Opening with a procession from Pershing square led by the U.S. Park Police mounted color guard and the Sixth U.S. Army Band, it will feature speeches by local and national dignitaries highlighting the importance of the day's proceedings. From 1 to 6 p.m., continuous entertainment on a stage at the main post will interpret the theme, "A Salute to the Presidio and San Francisco's Cultural Heritage." Hands-on activities, exhibits and stage performances for children will be available from 1 to 5 p.m. in a tent near the main stage.

Films, an oral history panel discussion and additional interpretive programs and tours will be held in the Presidio Visitor Information Center, which is located at Building 102 on the main post, and at the Presidio Museum, which is located at the corner of Funston and Lincoln Boulevards. Food, beverages and special commemorative items will be available for purchase. A detailed schedule of events will be available the morning of the event.

NPS Interpretive Programs, tomorrow to Oct. 1 and beyond: During the week prior to transition, the National Park Service will offer a variety of public programs at the Presidio. For a schedule of these events, contact the Presidio Visitor Information Center at **556-3111**.

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Exhibition, tomorrow to Oct. 1: A variety of alternative fuel vehicles will be on display at the main post. Experts will be on hand to provide information on these vehicles to the general public tomorrow at the main post directly following Vice President Gore's presentation as well as during the Oct. 1 event.

National Forum on Partnerships Supporting Community Education for the Environment, Wednesday to Oct. 1: A national forum on "Partnerships Supporting Community Education for the Environment" will be convened at the Presidio Wednesday through Oct. 1. The purpose of the forum is to promote national public/private partnerships to advance environmental education at the community level. The forum will bring together a diverse group from across the nation of about 90 leaders from education; business; nongovernmental organizations including foundations and community groups; and federal, state, and local governments who will develop a strategic plan to foster and sustain quality environmental education programs. This is not a public event.

Dinner benefit, Sept. 30: The Golden Gate National Park Association is sponsoring a special event the evening of Sept. 30 to raise private funds for the new park. The event will feature tours of the historic main post, dinner, entertainment and dancing, including a USO-style revue evoking the Presidio's military past. To receive an invitation, call the Park Association at **776-9693**.

New magazine focuses on issues facing retirees

While active duty military forces are shrinking rapidly as a result of the drawdown, the military retiree population is now the most rapidly growing segment of the military population.

There are more than 1.7 million military retirees and more than five million people in the total military retired family population.

They live near military bases and **continue to utilize military medicine, shop the exchanges and commissaries and take advantage of other on-base services** the rest of their lives.

Until now, this vital segment of the military population has not been reached by any single specific magazine.

Beginning in November, however, ***Retired Military Family* subscriptions will be sent to military retirees** who request them.

Retired MilitaryFamily is a **free magazine mailed quarterly** to subscribers' homes. Its focus is on the following topics of particular interest and import to the retired military population: military benefits, education, travel, second careers, healthy recipes, financial and tax planning, health and fitness, grandparenting, hobbies, retirement communities, real estate, and estate planning.

In addition, *Retired Military Family* is **jam-packed with coupons and discounts** entirely for the retired military population.

For a free subscription, send name, rank and service at retirement and address—including 9-digit zip code—to *Retired Military Family* Subscriptions, P.O. Box 1888, New York, NY 10156.

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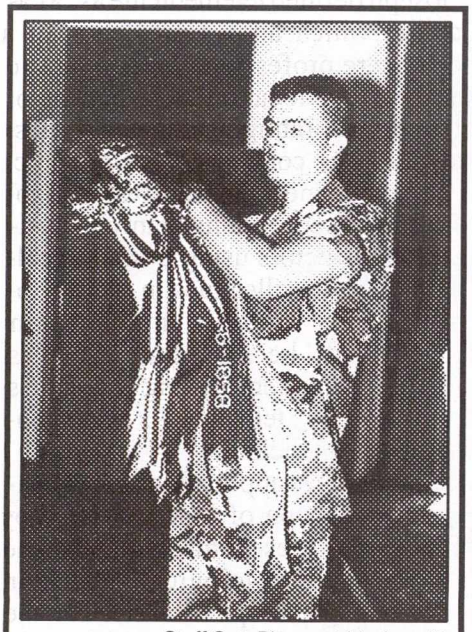

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Spc. Richard Boyd recovers the Sixth U.S. Army battle streamers after the post's farewell luncheon Sept. 16.

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Special souvenir photo edition

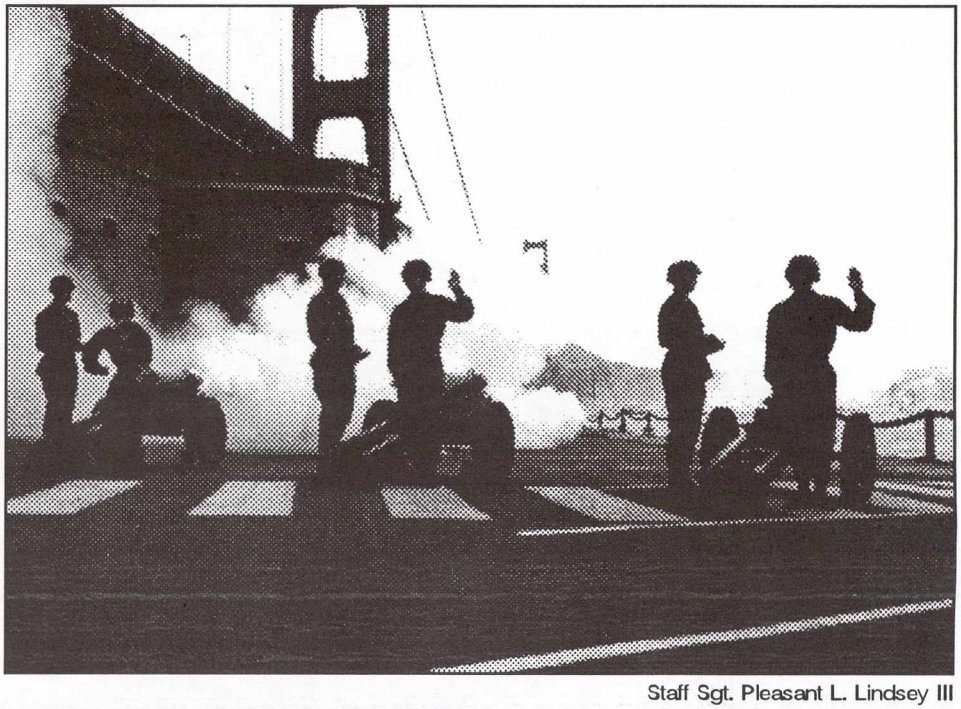
Changing times, Moving on

Vice President Al Gore (right) took a moment to visit with Maj. Lindsey Smith, Headquarters Command Battalion commander, and Barbara Gannon, deputy garrison commander. Gore came to the Presidio Saturday to discuss the transition from a military installation to a national park.

Photo by Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux

Ready, fire!

U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio, soldiers formed a salute battery to welcome the *S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien*, a World War II-era Liberty ship when she returned from her voyage to Normandy. The *O'Brien* sailed through the Golden Gate Sept. 23 to the sounds of an 11-gun salute. Behind the soldiers sits Fort Point, the first fort of its kind on the West Coast. The fort sits on the first site chosen by the Spanish when they first arrived here in 1776 and mounted 100-year-old cannons on the bluff at the entrance to the bay. Artillery would continue to play a major role at the Presidio for the Spanish, Mexican and U.S. armies.



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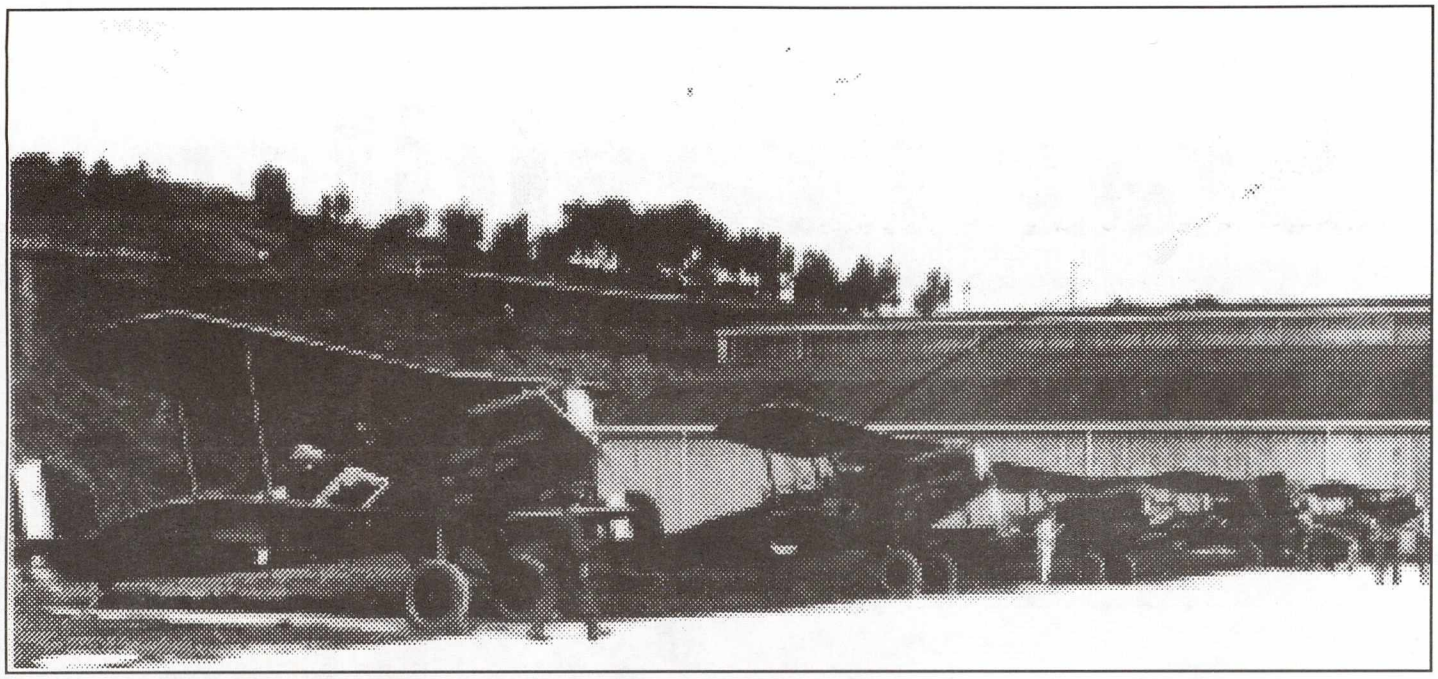

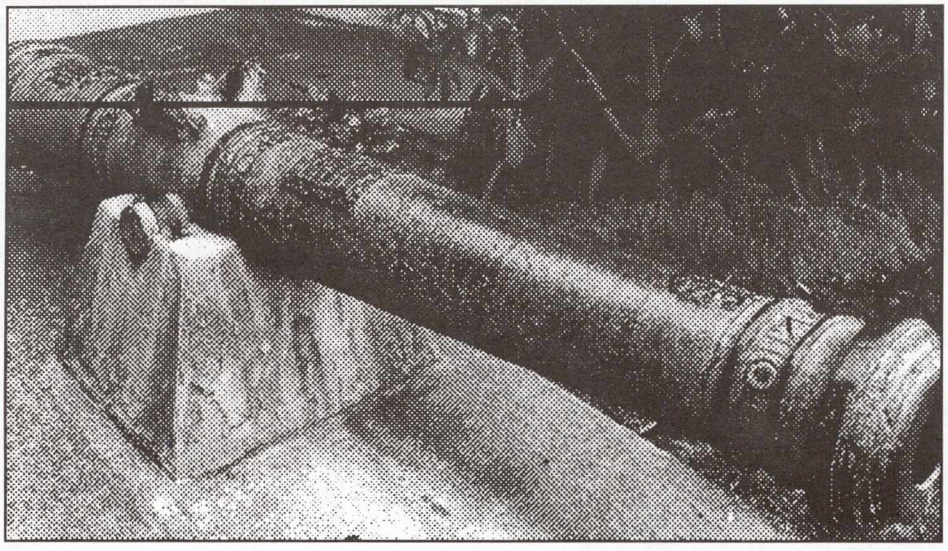

The Presidio of San Francisco has seen many weapons of war during its 218-year history – ranging from the Spanish cannon (left) used during the 18th century to the DeHaviland biplanes used by Army Air Corps pilots flying out of Crissy Field. (*Star Presidian* file photos)

The *Star Presidian* staff salutes the soldiers and civilians, past and present, who have served their country here at the Presidio of San Francisco. During times of war and peace, "when we were needed, we were there." This issue of the *Star Presidian* commemorates faces, places and events in the history of our beautiful home by the San Francisco Bay.

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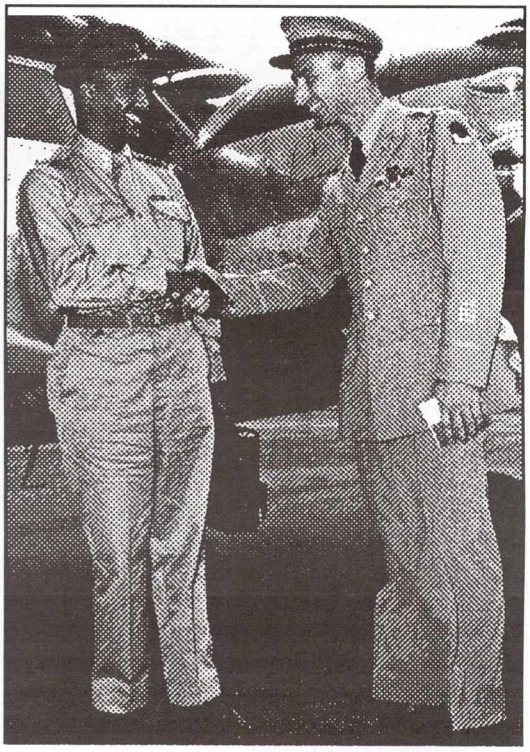

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The Presidio has played host to many foreign dignitaries in the course of its history. Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev (above) visited the Presidio in May, 1992. In 1952, Col. Guebre Kebede (right) commanding officer of the Ethiopian Expeditionary Forces in Korea, visited the post.

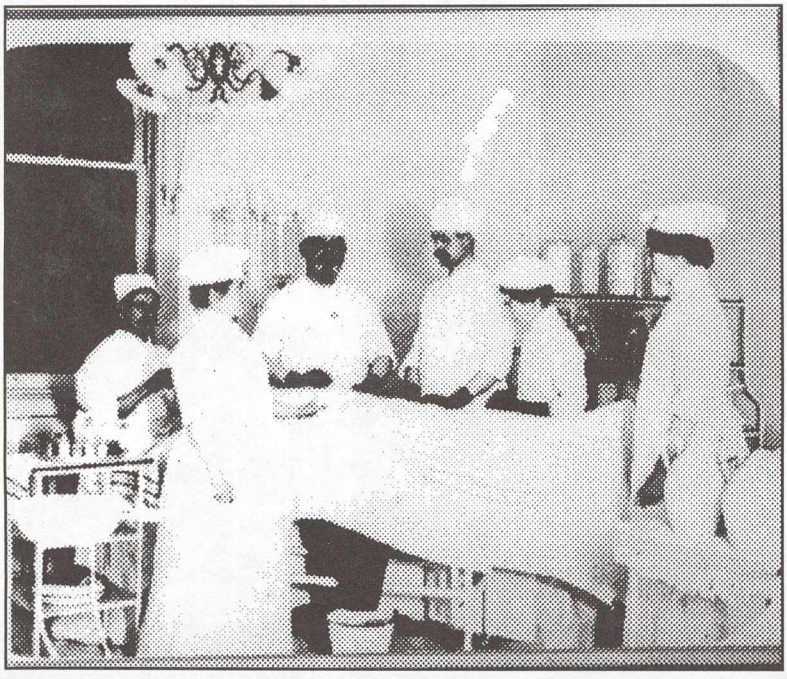
Hail the victors!

Of course, the troops have always been welcome.
Left: the Presidio of San Francisco hosted a "welcome home" reception for veterans of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Members of all the military branches came to Harmon Hall to thank their supporters.
Below left: a Presidio visitor also showed his support of U.S. veterans on that day, as soldiers paraded by to the cheers of the crowd.

Letterman Hospital's tenure

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Above, the closure ceremony for Letterman U.S. Army Hospital marks the final chapter of the Medical Corps' long, historical tie to the Presidio of San Francisco. Below left, doctors and nurses first manned Wright General Hospital in what is now the Presidio Museum, Building 2, Funston Avenue. Later, the original Letterman Hospital was built along Lincoln Boulevard and its staff treated soldiers from the Korean and Vietnam wars. In 1967 a more modern facility opened in Building 1100 and became a teaching hospital, Letterman U.S. Army Medical Center, before falling victim to a round of base closures.



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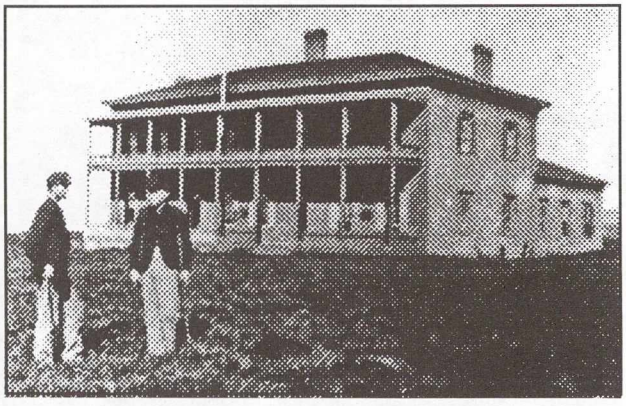
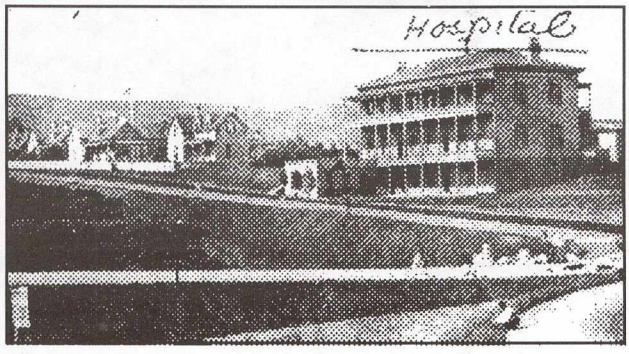
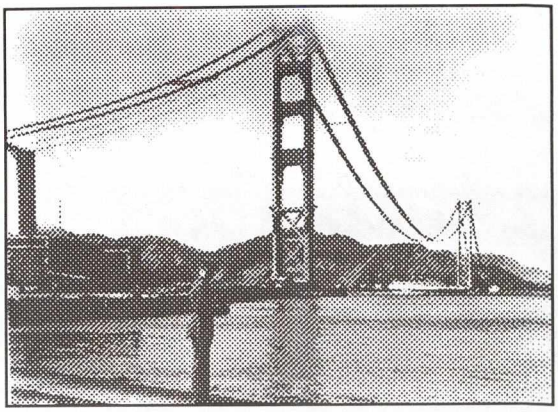
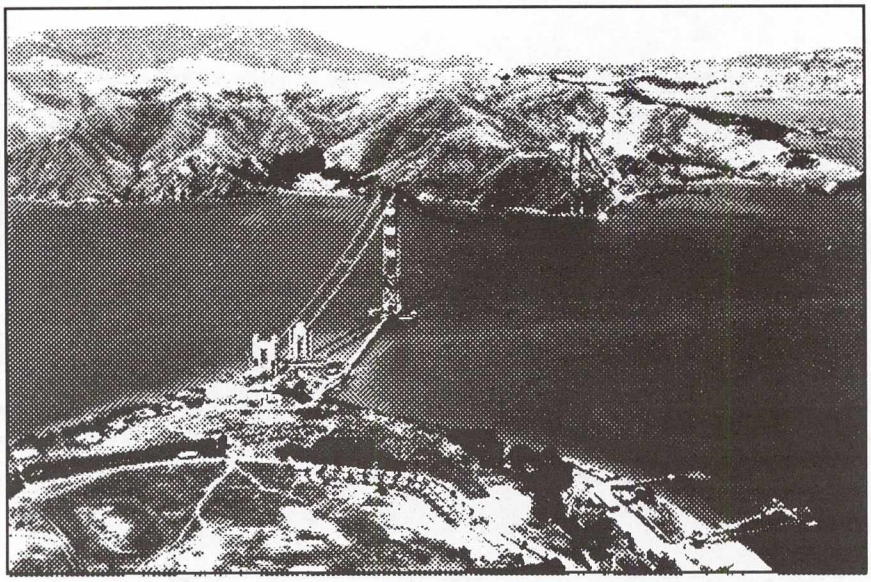




Right, Building 2 was built in 1857. It has undergone some changes inside and out, but remains as the oldest building on the Presidio.





From start to finish, the Golden Gate Bridge has been a prominent backdrop on the Presidio's northwestern corner for about half as long as U.S. soldiers have manned this post.

History of training to standard, training to maintain readiness

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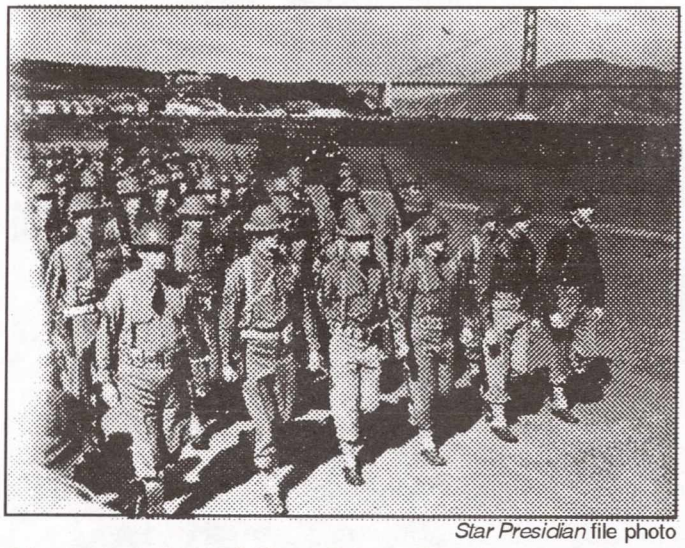
Training has been a mainstay on the Presidio of San Francisco since the late 1840s. Above, Headquarters and Headquarters Company soldiers in riot gear take civil disturbance training in 1993.



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Above, soldiers drill on Crissy Field prior to World War II. The Presidio's environs have provided training sites for artillerymen, infantry, cavalry and aviators. At one time the Presidio maintained a cooking school in Building 220, the building that later became the garrison commander's office. Soldiers have been mobilized from the Presidio for every war our country has participated in since the flag was raised here in 1847.

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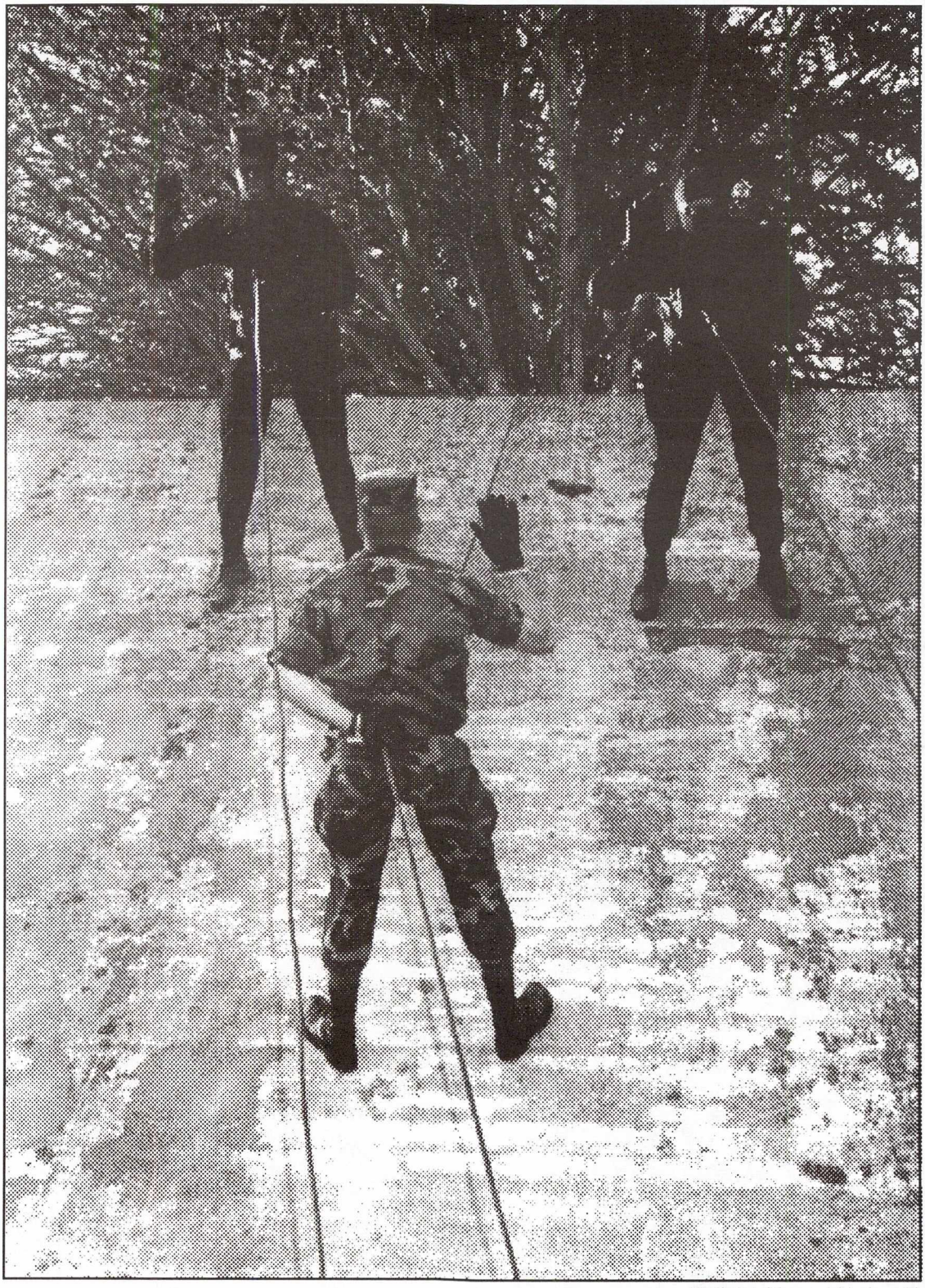
The Frederic Remington painting above, "Vagabonding with the Tenth Horse," depicts scouts from the Tenth Cavalry, also known as "the Buffalo Soldiers." Troops from the 9th and 10th cavalries were stationed here and were used as the nations first park rangers, an ironic twist in light of the post's current transition to the National Park Service.

More training



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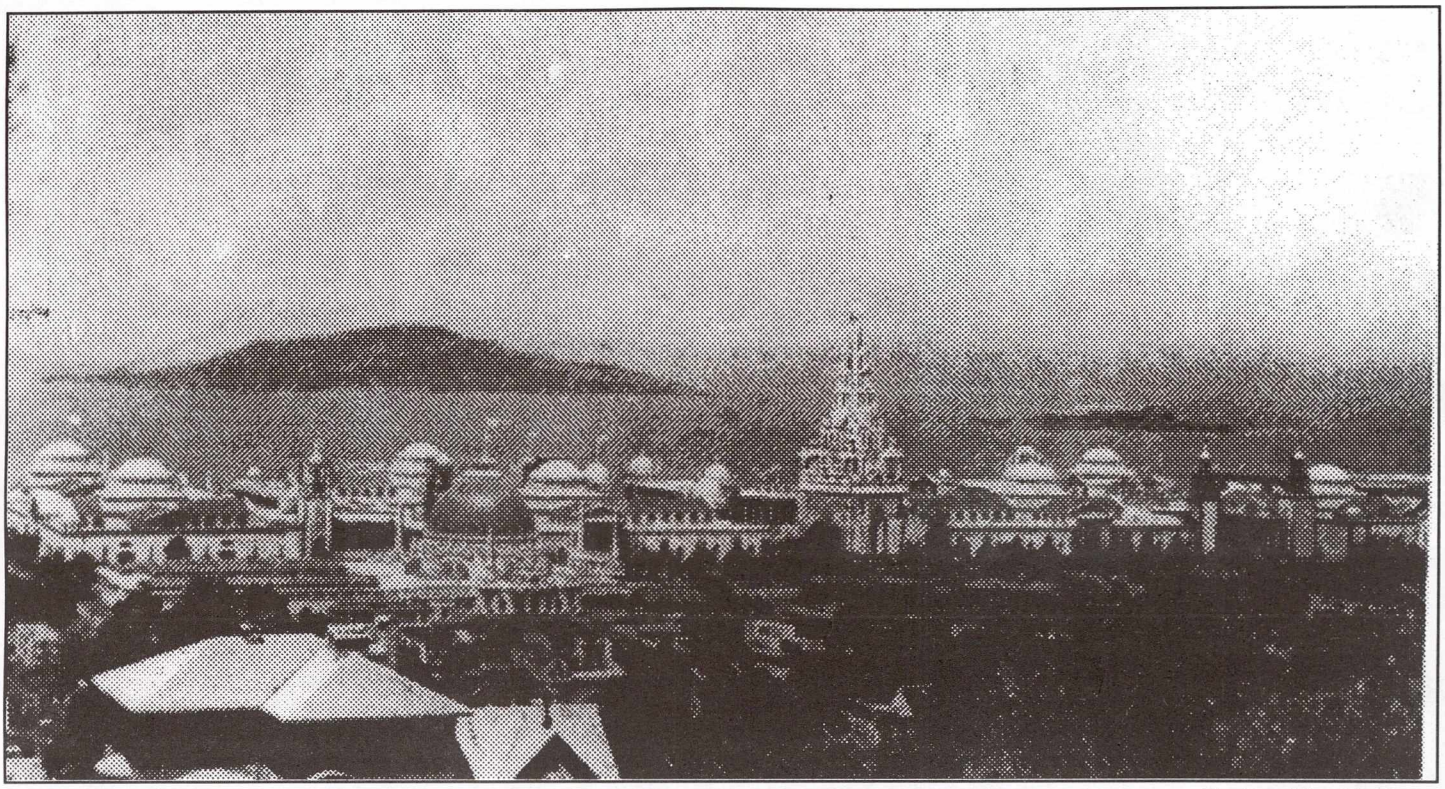
Military police from Law Enforcement Company practice rappelling behind the former Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion Motor Pool, Nov. 15, 1991.



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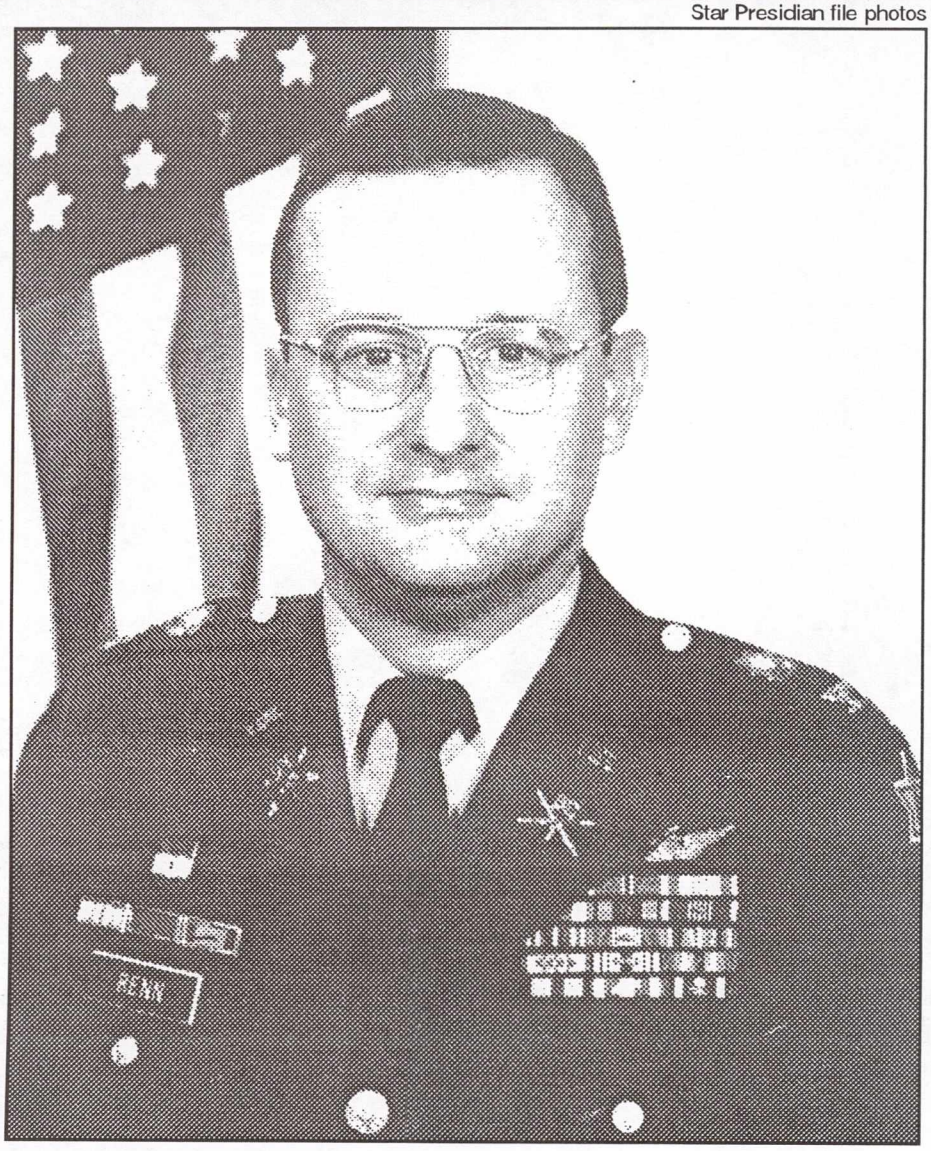
Viewpoints

Above, a view of the Panama Pacific Exposition of 1915, including the Palace of Fine Arts. The exposition was built on Presidio of San Francisco property. The Palace of Fine Arts was given to the city of San Francisco in 1927 in exchange for railroad right-of-way from the Presidio to Fort Mason.

Right, Col. Gregory A. Renn is the final commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio. Renn and his wife, Jane, are departing for a new assignment in Birmingham, Ala.



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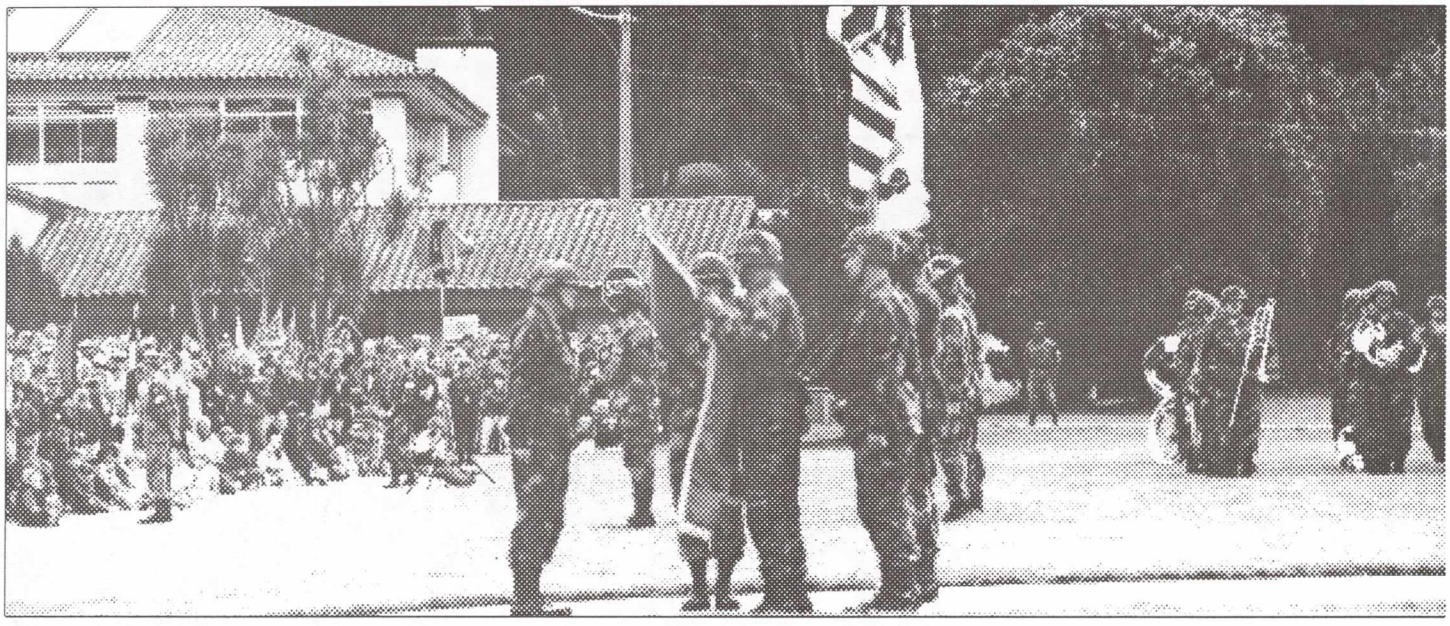

TSC photo by Sam Park

With Col. Gregory A. Renn holding the staff, Sgt. Maj. Dennis McKay furls and sheathes the Presidio of San Francisco garrison's flag in the presence of Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commanding general, Sixth U.S. Army.

U.S. Army garrison inactivates

By Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The nation's flag was lowered on the Presidio of San Francisco as a military base for the final time at a retreat and inactivation ceremony Sept. 30 on Pershing Square, here.

The following morning, the flag was raised over the area renamed the Presidio of San Francisco, Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Base transition was official.

Four units as well as the garrison itself were inactivated. The National Park Service had placed new signs by all seven entrances to the post before nightfall.

The Army marked the post's transition with one somber, farewell ceremony. The park service oversaw more activities Oct. 1 which lasted through the weekend.

A huge civilian crowd turned out for the inactivation ceremony. For many, it was the first time they had witnessed a retreat ceremony on post. The Presidio's history was read to the attendees just prior to the ceremony's start.

The ceremony featured the Sixth U.S. Army Band, commanded by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Orville Gannon Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, commanded by Capt. Tracy Sharpe and Law Enforcement Company, commanded by Capt. Stephanie Long. The commander of troops for the ceremony was Maj. Lindsey A. Smith, commander, Headquarters Command Battalion.

The reviewing officers included Col. Gregory A. Renn, the garrison's final commander and Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commanding general, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco.

Gen. Mallory received a 13-gun salute from the post's salute battery. The 13 blasts signified his rank as a lieutenant general. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Mize gave the invocation.

After the reviewing party passed in review of the troops on the field, the Color Guard took up a prominent position to the front of the formation as the band played the national anthem. A forceful wave of patriotism and remembrance seemed to swell over the post as more than a thousand people joined together to sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Afterward, the combined voices of the standing room only crowd gave way to absolute silence as the inactivation orders were

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given to the units on the field.

First to be inactivated was Law Enforcement Company ... then Headquarters and Headquarters Company ... followed by Headquarters Command Battalion ... and, finally, the U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of San Francisco.

Each unit in turn cased its colors as the inactivation orders were read.

Afterward, remarks reflecting on the post's transition were made by Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, commanding general, Forces Command, Renn and Mallory. Ironically, Gen. Reimer and the Sixth Army Band had participated in Fort Ord's transition ceremony earlier that day.

"Today marks a very historic day at a very historic place," Mallory said in his remarks. "It is a day of conflicting emotions for all of us who have come to appreciate the beauty, the uniqueness, and the traditions that the Presidio imparts to all who have served here.

"One can not be here at the Presidio for any length of time without feeling a special pride that goes with being called a `Presidian.'"

The Presidio was first established in 1776 by the Spanish Viceroy of Mexico. "Presidio" is a Spanish word meaning "garrison." The Presidio's first commander, Lt. José Moraga, built his office and quarters on the site now occupied by the Presidio Community Club. Part of the club's west wall remains from the original adobe building.

The Mexicans took over the Presidio after gaining independence from Spain in 1822 and garrisoned it until U.S. troops arrived in 1846 and raised the Stars and Stripes over the Presidio in 1847. From that time, Presidio soldiers have participated in every war or conflict involving the U.S. Army.

Presidio soldiers served in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Grenada, as well as operations in Panama, Southwest Asia and Somalia. Army National Guard and Reserve soldiers passed through our gates to serve their country as well. Presidio soldiers have also been instrumental in aiding the victims of two well-known natural disasters, the earthquakes of 1906 and 1989.

Presidio soldiers planted many of the trees on this naturally barren site in the 1880s to make the Presidio the largest green area in San Francisco.

Ironically, it was turn-of-the-century soldiers assigned to the Presidio who were the first park rangers protecting federal lands in the area now known as Yosemite National Park.

Now the Presidio itself has become the newest, and grandest addition to the National Park System.

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Shaylea Wilkinson becomes the Presidio's newest sergeant. Her stripes were pinned on by 1st Sgt. Richard Griego and Sgt. Maj. John B. Hansell.

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Youth classes

Is your child interested in taking ballet/jazz classes? The time to register is now. Classes are offered at Youth Services, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost of the program is $40 per month, per child. Karate classes are also ongoing at the Presidio Youth Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost for this class is $40 per month. For information or to sign up, call Youth Services at **561-5143**.

Chapel news

Sunday school for all ages (3 to adult) take place at 9 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center. Everyone is welcome. Teachers are needed as well. If you would like to serve the Lord this way, please contact Barb Scandrette at **668-9244** or the Chapel office at **561-4711**.

Ladies! Interdenominational Bible study takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. Mondays at the Religious Activities Center. We will be studying *Behold Your God*, a book about the attributes of God. Call **561-4711** for information.

CCD, the Catholic program for children from age 4 to young people who want to join the two-year confirmation class, takes place Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center. We need people who could substitute or any teenager who would be office manager or helper. If you are interested, please call Jeanne Bergeron at **387-1918** or Sister Agnes Teresa at **561-4711**.

For history buffs

Join the San Francisco History Association in recalling San Francisco's two 20th century world's fairs. Two fall programs will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street at Geary/Starr King Way Triangle. The first program, Oct. 20, will feature the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exhibition that shaped the Marina District. The second program, Nov. 17, will star the "technicolor" Treasure Island Fair (Golden Gate International Exhibition) of 1939-1940, as the world poised for war. Both programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Call the San Francisco History Association at **750-9986** for details.

AAFES news

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) recently announced a customer service enhancement policy. Customers who purchase childrens' clothing with drawstrings may take their new purchase to the exchange alterations shop to have the drawstring sewn or stitched to the garment.

"This is a free service to loyal customers," said Dorothy Witt, Executive Vice President for Store Operations. "AAFES is establishing a lead in the retail industry to provide this service because our customers expect AAFES to instill high standards of shopping confidence."

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recently announced a major cooperative effort with manufacturers and retailers to protect American children from potential harm associated with drawstrings in the hoods and necks of children's clothing. The drawstrings in childrens' clothing are blamed for at least 12 deaths and 27 near-strangulations when the strings, which often hang loose from the clothing, become caught on such objects as playground equipment, escalators and fences.

The CPSC and the clothing manufacturing industry are cooperating to prevent entanglement and death associated with the drawstrings, and will modify or eliminate drawstrings from hoods and necks of childrens' clothing. While some changes will be initiated as soon as Fall 1994, most modifications will be effective in the spring and fall fashions of 1995.

Witt explained that while AAFES will offer to modify new childrens' clothing purchases at no cost to the customer, parents may exercise precautionary modifications to existing clothing to help reduce potential harm as suggested by the CPSC:

-- Remove the drawstring from the hood and neck of childrens' clothing, or

-- Sew a seam through the drawstring at the middle of the hood and neck so neither end can pull out and catch onto any object AND cut the string ends to the shortest length possible that will still allow their use in weather protection.

Witt reaffirmed AAFES' support of CPSC and clothing manufacturers to develop safer products, especially for children. She hopes the AAFES announcement will serve to promote customer confidence in childrens' fashions by taking advantage of the new AAFES customer service option since many of the garments in the fall 1994 fashions will contain hood and neck drawstrings.

Crafts show

The 15th semi-annual West Portal Avenue Fine Arts and Crafts Show arrives in the San Francisco community Oct. 21 through 23. Sponsored by the West Portal Avenue Association, the show (starting at the intersection of Sloat and Portola, adjacent to St. Francis Woods) is comprised of not only top-quality fine art pieces, but also includes craft items such as all-season wreaths, children's toys, clothing and more. The show, which is open to the public, continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists participating in the shows are selected by an expert jury from hundreds of applicants based on the supreme quality and originality of their works. Information about the West Portal Avenue Fine Arts and Crafts Show can be obtained by calling **(415) 566-3500**.

Disaster conference

The Disaster Preparedness Information Council will hold its annual conference Nov. 3, at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway on Van Ness Avenue (at California) in San Francisco. Sponsored by a coalition of business, government and the American Red Cross, the 15th annual conference will have sessions dealing with writing a disaster and recovery plan, preventing violence in the workplace, evaluating building safety after a disaster, and helping employees cope with the side effects of disaster. Costs for the all-day session include lunch and a keynote speech by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's new Region IX director. For information or registration packets, call **(415) 894-5984**.

Columbia College

There is still time for soldiers and family members to register for the October - December 1994 eight-week Columbia College term. Most classes begin the week of Oct. 24, but two history courses -- including the one scheduled to meet on the Presidio -- will not start until two weeks later. HIST 101, Western Civilization I (a requirement for all of Columbia's bachelor's degrees and counts toward the Humanities requirement for an associate's degree) will meet at the Education Center, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 8 through Dec. 13. The course is transferrable to any college. Soldiers who want to apply for tuition assistance must make an appointment by calling **561-3683**. The Education Center is now located on the second floor of Building 682, formerly the Religious Activities Center.

Pull-out section

New phone numbers for on-post services

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

With all of the moves here on the Presidio as a result of base transition, you're probably wondering how to reach the many important services on post and what they'll be able to do for you. Fear not! The Fort Lewis Sub-Installation has gathered the information and provided it to the *Star Presidian* so that we could pass it on. You might want to pull this section out of the paper and keep it near the phone.

• **ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Administrative Office: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3629.**

Army Emergency Relief: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3612.** AER is a private, non-profit organization that provides emergency financial assistance to active duty soldiers and their dependents, as well as Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve soldiers on active duty for more than 30 days. AER can help with emergency financial needs for food, rent, or utilities; emergency transportation and vehicle repair; funeral expenses; medical/dental expenses; and personnel needs when pay is delayed or stolen. Financial assistance comes in the form of an interest free loan, a grant (if repayment will cause undue hardship), or part loan and part grant.

Community Life Program: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3615.**

Exceptional Family Member Program: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3612.** The program is designed for the family member who has a physical, emotional, development or intellectual disorder and who may require special treatment, therapy or education. This program is designed to ensure the Exceptional Family Member (EFM) in the military community receives information and assistance with education, health-related topics, recreational, and other similar services available on post and in the civilian community. The EFM must be enrolled every three years and is mandatory for active duty personnel with priority given to those with overseas assignments.

Family Advocacy Program: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3612.** During weekends and after normal duty hours, in the event of child/spouse abuse, MPs are to be notified. They will then contact the Family Advocacy Coordinator at home.

Family Child Care: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3612.**

Lending Closet: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3612.**

Relocation Services: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3612.**

Youth Services: Building 563, Ruger Street. Open 2 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Extended hours for teens are 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. **(415) 561-3696.**

• **ARTS AND CRAFT SHOP**: Building 738, Oakland Army Base. Open 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Thursday, 12:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. **(510) 466-3541.** Ceramics, photo lab, frame shop, and woodworking shop available. Call to verify hours of operation.

• **AUTO CRAFTS SHOP**: Oakland Army Base. Open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. **(510) 466-3541.** Call to verify hours of operation.

• **BOWLING ALLEY**: Building 93, Moraga Avenue. The National Park Service will operate the facility once they obtain a concessionaire. The NPS is soliciting bids as of this writing and they anticipate a temporary interruption in operation during this transition. The NPS is unsure whether they will offer military discounts, as the bowling alley will be open to the general public.

• **BRIDGE PASSES**: Building 39, Room 200, Keyes Street. Open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3601/3611.** The Fort Lewis Subinstallation, Presidio of San Francisco, through the Directorate of Logistics, Transportation Division, shall obtain toll-free Golden Gate Bridge passes from the Golden Gate Bridge Authority to issue to authorized units, tenants and individuals who are required in their performance of duty to utilize the Golden Gate Bridge as well as other Bay Area toll bridges. The Transportation Division will maintain a record of passes need to ensure that passes are issued to active duty military personnel who must use toll bridges to get from their home to their place of duty and no more than one toll-free pass will be issued to individuals for each duty day.

• **CASUALTY SERVICES**: Building 34, Room 104, Graham Street. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3627/3688.** For the Casualty On-Call Officer after normal duty hours, call the Sixth U.S. Army Duty officer at **(415) 561-2766** or the Fort Lewis Staff Duty Officer at **(206) 967-0065.**

• **CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE**: Building 9503, Fort Lewis, Wash. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Employment Branch—**(206) 967-2131/5377**

Recruitment & Placement—**(206) 967-2131**

Personnel Actions—**(206) 967-2466**

FAX—**(206) 967-8037**

Department of the Army civilian employment is limited on the Presidio of San Francisco. The San Francisco telephone directory will provide a number of other government agencies which maintain their individual personnel/employment directors, who can provide some information (e.g., National Park Service, Corps of Engineers, Veterans Affairs, U.S. Customs, Department of Immigration, etc.).

• **CLOTHING SALES STORE (AAFES)**: Building 605 (PX), Mason Street, Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. **(415) 922-4591/2785.**

• **DA PHOTOS AND COMMAND PHOTOS (TRAINING AND SUPPORT CENTER)**: Building 90, off Bataan Avenue, Oakland Army Base. Open 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Thursday and Saturday. **(510) 466-4340.** No appointments are necessary. DA and command photos completed after seven working days. Passport photos may also be taken and will be ready the same day.

• **DIRECTORATE OF PERSONNEL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-4233.**

• **DIRECTORATE OF LOGISTICS**: Building 204, Second Floor, Young Street. Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3639.** DOL has oversight over the Sub-installation's property book, transportation branch, TMP, and bridge passes. It is also an initial point of contact for Clothing Issue Facility (CIF) - Fort Lewis. Property belonging to the Sixth U.S. Army is handled by the Sixth Army

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PBO, who has not been identified as of this writing. Interim POC is the Headquarters Commandant at **(415) 561-2616/2702.**

• **EDUCATION SERVICES (Military)**: Building 682, Second Floor, Lincoln Boulevard. Open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3683.** Due to limited staffing, educational services provided will focus on counseling on an appointment basis. Counseling is required for inprocessing, ETS, outprocessing, approval to test, tuition assistance, and/or use of the in-service GI Bill. Call for an appointment; walk-ins will be seen when time and staffing permit.

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The clinic is available for active duty personnel only, due to limited staff. This also applies to pharmacy services. Contact CHAMPUS for information on benefits for family members.

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The Housing Office manages more than 600 Army Family Housing units on the Presidio. To sign up for housing, report to Building 204 with a copy of your PCS orders and your leave form (DA 31). Priority for housing goes to Army personnel assigned to Sixth U.S. Army and then to other personnel assigned to DoD agencies (U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, etc.) on the Presidio or around the San Francisco Bay Area.

• **SELF HELP STORE**: Building 204, Young Street. Open 9 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. **(415) 561-3664.** Self-Help provides families residing in government quarters with items to make small household repairs or improvements (e.g., paint, curtain rods, nails, screens). It also has a Garden Section, which provides rakes, lawn mowers, grass seed, and a number of miscellaneous garden tools.

• **ID CARDS (AG-GARRISON)**: Building 34, Room 102, Graham Street. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3601.** DEERS may be updated from this office.

• **IN/OUT PROCESSING**: Building 1027, Edie & Girard Road. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-2703/2704.**

Inprocessing soldiers arriving after duty hours need to sign in with the Staff Duty Officer/NCO (SDO/SDNCO) in Building 38, Room 100. Soldiers inprocessing will begin by going to the Sixth U.S. Army DCSPER, Building 34, Room 108, to obtain an inprocessing checklist and any amendments to their assignment orders. While there, soldiers will view a video of the Presidio of San Francisco and Sixth U.S. Army. Soldiers will then be directed to the Headquarters Commandant's PAC (Building 1027) for further inprocessing instructions.

Soldiers outprocessing will begin by obtaining a checklist from the Headquarters Commandant's PAC. An alternate point of contact for the Checklist is the Subinstallation's AG/Retirement Services Office located in Building 34, Room 103. A soldier is typically given 10 working days to clear.

• **INSPECTOR GENERAL, SIXTH U.S. ARMY**: Building 39, Room 129, Keyes Street. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-2075/2096.**

• **MILITARY POLICE**: Building 35, Lincoln Boulevard. Twenty-four hour operation. **(415) 561-2251** (Desk Sergeant). MP operations will ultimately move and operate from Building 36 (across from the Fire Station) and share facilities and resources with the U.S. Park Police.

The Presidio will fall under the law enforcement authority of the United States Military Police, Park Police, and Park Rangers. The Park Police will be the law enforcement authority for the National Park. The community will see the Park Police and law enforcement-certified park rangers patrolling areas that were normally patrolled by the Military Police. This will include the traffic enforcement on the Presidio's roadways.

The Military Police will continue to have the mission of providing law enforcement and security for the military community. A detachment of Military Police will remain, headed by Maj. Corbin R. Lee, the current provost marshal.

It is not necessary for anyone in the community to try to decide which police agency to call for information or assistance. Whatever the need, continue to call **(415) 561-2251/2252** for non-emergency requests; for emergencies, continue to call **(415) 561-5656.** The Provost Marshal's Office will remain at its current location in Building 38.

The Military Police will continue to provide services to the community such as vehicle and weapons registration, military police reports, proactive law enforcement patrols, investigations, and a 24-hour military police desk operation.

• **SATO (Official Travel)**: Building 39, Room 200, Keyes Avenue. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-2226.** Emergency SATO travel arrangements may be made by calling **(800) 827-7777.** If emergency travel is required after duty hours, call the Sixth U.S. Army SDO/SDNCO at **(415) 561-2766.** They will then contact SATO Emergency Travel. SATO takes the information provided and then calls a transportation representative for authorization. If confirmed, SATO makes final travel arrangements. Once all the arrangements have been made, SATO then calls the customer and provides the travel information. Tickets are normally prepaid and can be picked up at the airport.

• **BOY/GIRL SCOUTS**: Building 682, Lincoln Boulevard. **(415) 561-3612/3615.**

• **STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE (SJA)**: Building 39, Room 306, Keyes Avenue. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **(415) 561-3131/2179.** The Subinstallation Legal Assistance Office provides limited legal advice, wills, notary documents, claims, Federal income tax and labor relations advice.

• **VETERINARIAN**: Building 572, Ruger Street. Open 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays of each month. There is no phone. This service is provided by a veterinary detachment stationed at Travis Air Force Base. There is a sign-up sheet on the front door of Building 572. Pay with check or have exact change. Sick call is not provided.

Admin specialist named soldier of month

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

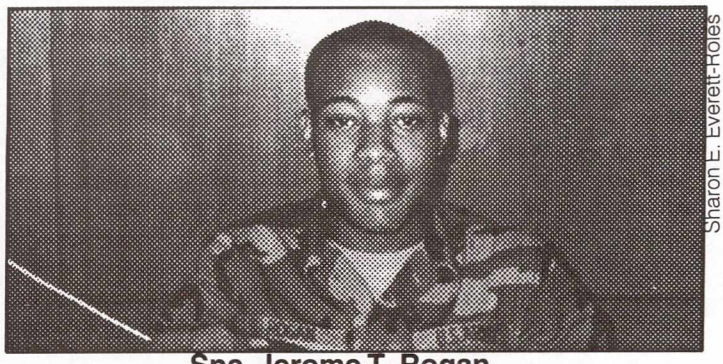
The administration specialist for the Sixth U.S. Army commanding general was named the Presidio of San Franicsco soldier of the month in August.

Spc. Jerome T. Rogan, a Headquarters Company soldier before its inactivation, competed against soldiers from the post's other units to be selected as a top soldier among his peers. He works as an administration specialist for Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commander, Sixth U.S. Army.

Rogan, 21, entered the Army after high school—two days after high school.

"I graduated from high school on a Sunday, June 3, 1991 and went to Fort Jackson, S.C., June 5.

"I joined the Army to serve my country and to descipline myself," he said. It also seemed like a familiar choice since his father had served nine years in the Army.



Sharon E. Everett-Roles

Spc. Jerome T. Rogan

"I left a troubled, racially tense environment. I just had to get out of Ripley, Mississippi.

"I was doing things I didn't want to do, but I had to do them to survive in my neighborhood," Rogan said. "I used to try to fit in with the street crowd until I met God."

Rogan said he remembers that meeting well.

"It was Oct. 12, 1992, in Korea. I had been restless, searching for something and 1st Sgt. Anthony B. Smith began talking to me and inviting me to church with him. Ever since that day I've been a new person.

"I grew up a lot in the Army."

Rogan is the second oldest of five siblings. He's 5-feet 6, single (claims he's afraid of marriage), attends church, plays basketball and makes music samples at Hyde Street Studios in San Francisco to fill his free time.

"I make samples of sounds and other music for my own entertainment and for friends now. I may go into the music production business sometime in the future," he said.

Rogan is also enrolled in Columbia College, where he is studying general education. He said he plans to attend Moorehouse University to major in marketing. It is a skill which may come in handy should he choose to follow a bigger dream

"My deepest desire is to be a filmmaker. I'm considering attending the San Francisco Academy of Art before I leave San Francisco," he said. Meanwhile, he is also taking an Army correspondence course in the next level of Army administration. Rogan served with the 8th Personnel Command in Korea before coming to the Presidio. His decorations include the Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

Rogan is yet another example of a soldier being all he can be.

Presidians help start Fleet Week 1994

By Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Presidians were treated to a parade of ships and a high-tech air show during the U.S. Navy's 14th Annual Fleet Week celebration which began Oct. 8 and for the first time featured two days of air shows.

The Presidio's Sixth U.S. Army firing battery gave a 17-gun salute from the Municipal Pier to the parade of ships which was led by the frigate U.S.S. Arkansas. The U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln launched two F/A 18 Hornets from its flight deck as it floated by, one in front of Crissy Field and one as it passed the Municipal Pier, a Fleet Week first.

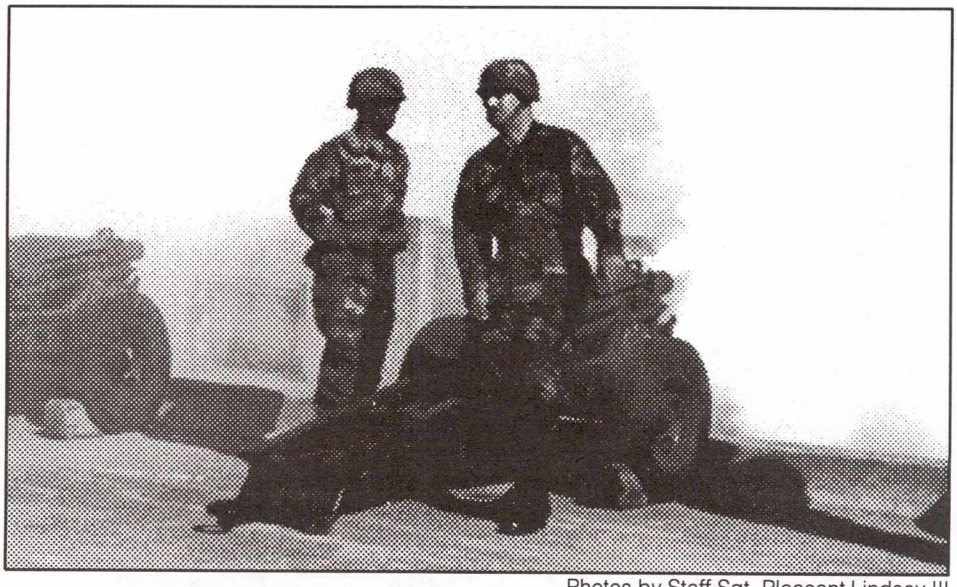
The feat was all the more awesome when you consider the planes were launched with less than 10 knowt of tailwind and cleared the 250 feet from the catapult to the edge of the flight deck in 3 ½ seconds.

The air show started soon after and featured a stunt team in Stearman A-75 biplanes, 1991 U.S. Aerobatic Champion Don Johnson in the Toyota Airsport Corolla and a MiG-17 flown by Bill Reesman, who's first MiG-17 caught fire during a test flight in March.

In reality, the Navy started its celebration a week earlier with its host a sailor day and practices by the Navy's Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team on Oct. 6 and 7. The overall celebration didn't end until Thursday.

But the highlights of Fleet Week could all be summed up with the activities of Oct. 8.

Tourists began trickling onto the Presidio



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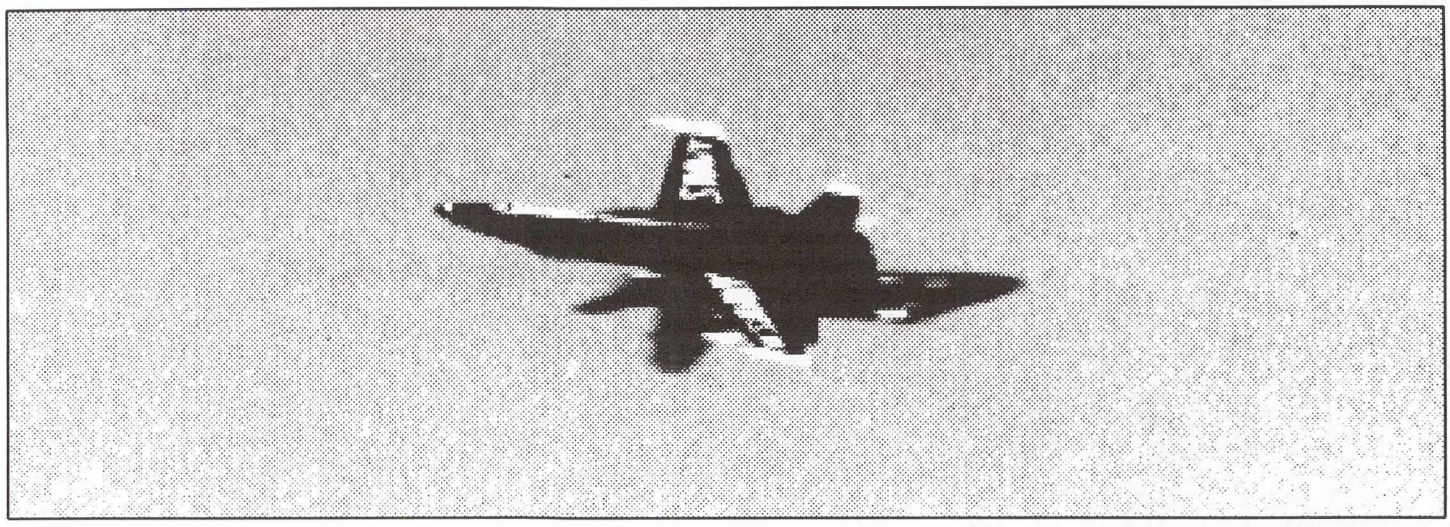
Staff Sgt. Aubrey Cousins fires a round from one of the salute battery's 75mm Pack Howitzers as Spc. Rodney Bunyan waits to load another round.



Two Blue Angels cross paths, inverted, above the crowd watching from the San Francisco Municipal Pier. Below, onlookers on Marina Green gawk as the salute battery returns to the Presidio.

as early as 8 a.m. Oct. 8 to get good views of the ships and the planes. Crissy Field was packed from Fort Point to the Mason Street Gate.

The parade of ships entered the Golden Gate just after 10:20 a.m. The ships included:

- the USS Arkansas;
- the frigate U.S.S. Geary;
- a Mexican frigate formerly known as the USS John Rogers;
- the Sturgeon class attack submarine USS Drum, the last sub to be put in the water at nearby Mare Island Naval Shipyard;
- the guided missile frigate USS Copeland;
- the USS Asheville, a fast attack submarine of the Los Angeles class;
- the US Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis;
- the USS Shasta, an ammunition supply ship with a 25 percent female crew that is home ported in the Bay Area;
- the USS Jeremiah O'Brien, the last World War II era Liberty ship; and
- the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln, the largest combat ship in the world, homeported at nearby Alameda Naval Air Station. The carrier's flight deck covers more than four acres.

The Navy's Leap Frogs parachute jump team, all of whom are Navy SEALs, then performed a series of manuevers after jumping from a C-130 Hercules. The final manuever included carrying the U.S. Flag to earth as the audience stood to the playing of the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

The air show began over Crissy Field with the Red Baron Stearman Squadron, sponsored by Red Baron Frozen Pizza. The four pilots flew Stearman biplanes that were used to train military pilots in the 1930s and 40s. According to their narrator the Stearman Squadron flies every maneuver that modern aircraft demonstration teams perform, "but at the speed of smell."

Next up was Don Johnson of St. Louis, flying the Toyota Airsports Corolla Demonstration Aircraft. Johnson, whose 300 horsepower single propellar plane was largely made of Kevlar, performed stalls and buzzed the Crissy Field crowd. The plane could also maintain level flight at low speed with its nose in a near-vertical position.

Bill Reesman of Aurora, Ore., followed in a bright red Russian MiG-17. Reesman also performs nighttime pyrotechnic flight demonstrations. Though quiet for a jet, Reesman's MiG gave the crowd a chance to see an important part of the jet industry's history. MiG-17s, developed by the Mikoyan and Guryevich design team in Russia, have collectively flown more combat missions than any other aircraft in the world. The MiG Reesman flew for the show was built in China. His first MiG exploded and burned during a test flight in March, but he managed to land and escape safely.

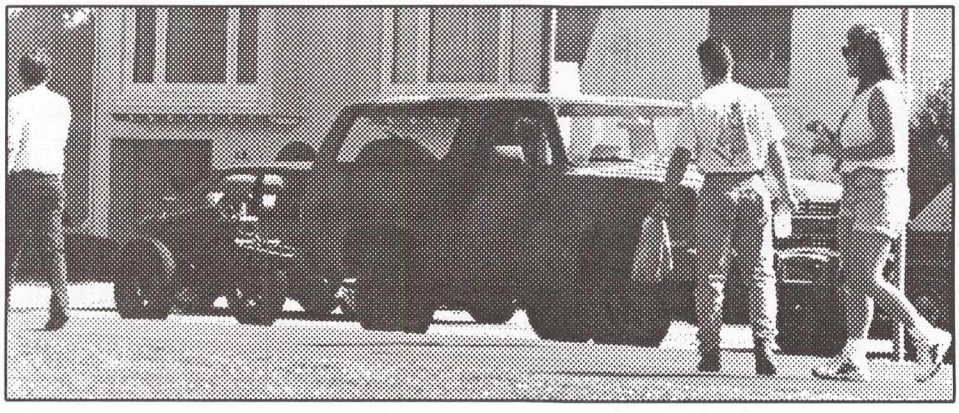
Finally came the event that drew the most attention.

One U.S. Marine Corps and five U.S. Navy pilots form the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team. The Blue Angels dazzled the crowd with looping, crossing and upside down manuevers at thunderous speeds. The pilots' were not performing stunts, but combat manuevers taught to U.S military pilots. The Blue Angels and their blue and gold MacDonnell Douglass F/A-18 Hornets gave an exciting example of the level of high performance made possible by modern technology. Some of their manuevers were begun and completed within the confines of the viewing audience, pretty impressive given the planes' speed. The F/A-18 is the first aircraft designed to be a fighter and an attack aircraft and is used in both roles by the Navy and Marines.

After the Blue Angels' performance the Crissy Field crowd was treated to a fly-by from a Boeing 737 that belonged to United Airlines Shuttle.

Afterward, Marines and Navy SeaBees showed off communications equipment, portable field hospitals and construction equipment. There was also a classic car show across the street from the PX/Commissary complex, Marine and Navy helicopters on the Sixth U.S. Army helipad, plus plenty of food and drink boothes.

It was the biggest Fleet Week celebration performed in its 14 year history. For the first time, the entire program (except for the parade of ships) was repeated on Sunday.



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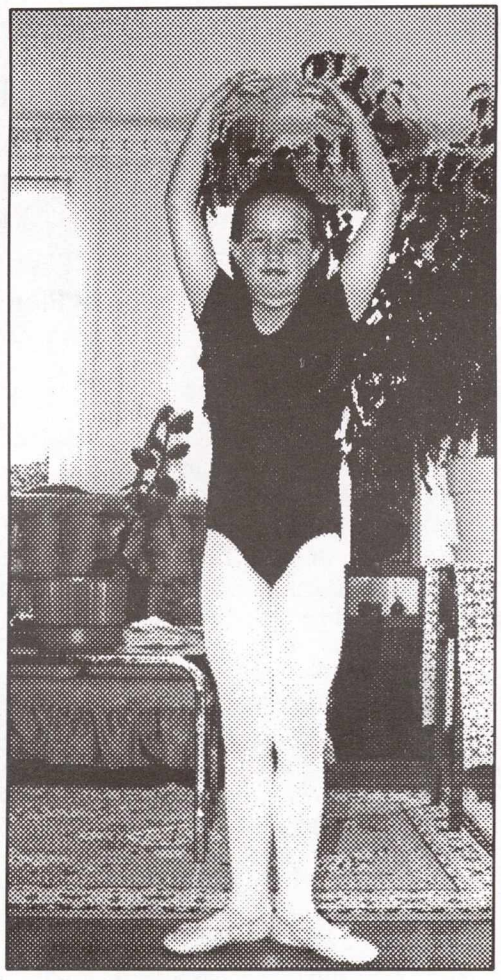
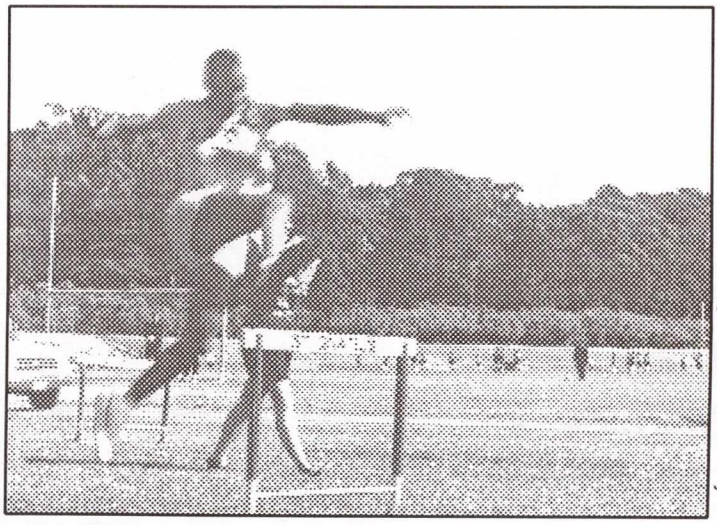
Rising star on post



Photos by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Avalon J. Penstock, 9, received a one year scholarship to the San Francisco School of Ballet, one of only three ballet schools in the United States. Avalon is the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class John Penstock III of the Sixth U.S. Army Inspector General's office and his wife Karen. The scholarship covers all of Avalon's expenses.



Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Allyooopp!

Cpl. Alicia Adams clears a hurdle while running the obstacle course on the Polo Field, Golden Gate Park. Presidio of San Francisco soldiers competed in the Executive Sports Challenge Sept. 24 to combat Cystic Fibrosis. A number of Bay Area corporations took part to raise money to combat cystic fibrosis. Four men and four women formed the Presidio team of volunteers who gave up their free Saturday for a worthy cause. It also gave the soldiers a chance to show Army pride and esprit de corps in the civilian community. The Presidio volunteers included Adams, Sgt. Melissa Blumenthal, Spc. James Bouknight, Spc. Rodney Bunyan, Pvt. Harold Jackson, Cpl. Charles Green, Staff Sgt. Blake Rubie, Spc. Kelly Solarno and Sgt. Shaylea Wilkinson.

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MP wins title -- NCO of the Quarter

Story and photo by Sharon E. Everett-Roles
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Sgt. Richard Vater wanted to fill some pretty big shoes.

"I went to the board to see if I could do it, and to build confidence. I also wanted to see if I could accomplish what Staff Sgt. [Michael] Garrett did."

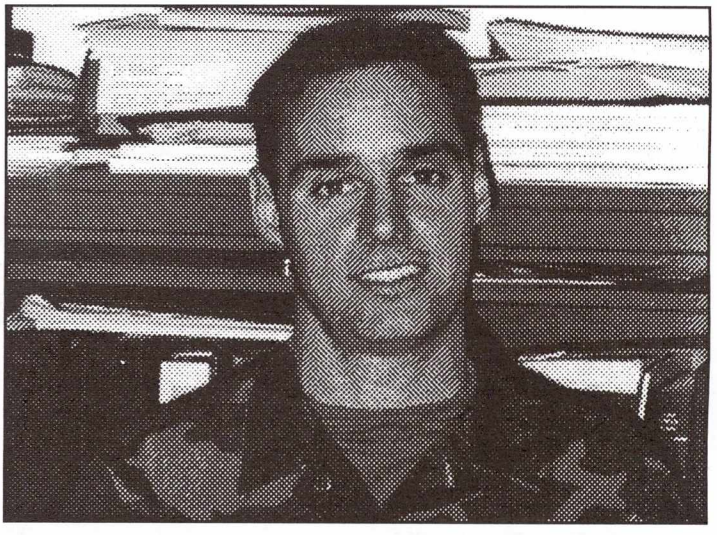
Garrett was last year's Sixth U.S. Army NCO of the Year and Vater's supervisor. Vater accomplished the first step behind Garrett when he was named NCO of the Quarter recently.

A traffic accident investigator, Vater said the most difficult thing about the board was the total preparation required.

"You have to get everything together for both the written and oral boards," the 24-year-old explained. "They could ask anything."

Vater said that the person who helped him the most with preparation for the board was First Sgt. Delores Carter. "I spent lots of study sessions with her, and on personal time. I did a lot of repetition drills, and my wife helped me with that."

The 6-foot-tall, Redding, Calif., native is preparing for a PCS to Korea after three years on the Presidio of San Francisco. His previous assignment was Miesau, Germany, following training at Fort McClellan, Ala.



"My next challenge is to make it through Korea and then be promoted to staff sergeant," Vater said.

Vater and his wife, Rochelle, have two children: Kiersten, age 3, and Rhyan, age 1.

Traffic investigator is Soldier of the Month

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"I knew I'd be able to win; I begged to go the board. I'm good at remembering what I read and study, and that helped me a lot. I knew I wouldn't let them down."

That's what Pfc. Michael Barbieri said about going to the Soldier of the Month board. And, true to his word, the 19-year-old military police soldier won the title.

"Pfc. Woodfin and Spc. Goolsby helped me study and get over my jitters and nervous habits," Barbieri continued. "They showed me the best ways to position myself in the room before the board... and it worked."

Barbieri credits First Sgt. Delores Carter and Staff Sgt. Dexter McMichael (both now on assignments in Korea) with giving him the greatest amount of assistance as he prepared for the board.

"The hardest thing is the level of concentration you have to keep up," the 6-foot-4-inch soldier explained. "You can't get nervous."

The Plymouth, Mass., native has been in the Army for 15 months, eight of them here at the Presidio of San Francisco. Barbieri attended advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Ala., before coming here. Barbieri will remain here with the Military Police detachment.

Barbieri's next challenge is the Soldier of the Quarter board. In addition, he said that he would like to be promoted to sergeant before he re-enlists -- which Barbieri fully intends to do. With the dedication and confidence he shows, promotions and titles are bound to happen.

As I See It

Military training must change with new world environment

By Lt. Col. Paul J. Constantino
Special to the *Star Presidian*

German Field Marshall Irwin Rommel is quoted to have said, "The best form of 'welfare' for the troops is first class training."

Military exercises such as REFORGER, WINTEX and COBRA GOLD were awesome displays of U.S. logistical largesse, tactical surges of troops/materiel across oceans or continents, of Marines storming beaches or Army Rangers making river assaults, of overhead roar of jet fighters or helicopters providing tactical air support to ground maneuver forces, or even B-52 flybys. But these massive combined/joint military training exercises became an embarrassment in cost, and more importantly, relics of the cold war. Although they emanate from realistic war-fighter scenarios, traditionally they did not include military operations short of war, like peacekeeping or peace enforcement operations. They also drew criticisms from other nations, or former adversaries. In these annual/recurring scenarios, the U.S. and armed forces of the host nation (HN) joined forces to confront aggressor forces whose flags and equipment bore an uncomfortable resemblance to certain Warsaw Pact or Asian countries.

Due to budget and manpower constraints the once massive and multi-echelon training exercises have been slimmed down to Command Post Exercises (CPX), like REFORGER, or eliminated in 1994, as Team Spirit. There are more CPX's rather than field training exercises (FTX), because actual troop deployments are unnecessary.

Our former cold war adversaries are fighting their own internal battles. They are preoccupied by their political/economic struggles. This isn't to say that the role of the armed forces have magically become superfluous. The world is still dangerous, as most recently exemplified by crisis at the Iraq border, but in a different military sort of way. Instead of training for maximum violence or nuclear scenarios, we need to train for more conventional conflicts and military operations short of war.

While the armed forces of the U.S. were assembling to deploy to Haiti on Operation Restore Democracy, I Corps at Fort Lewis, Wash., was simultaneously conducting a peacekeeping/peace enforcement exercise called Tempo Brave 94. Having just returned from the CPX at Fort Lewis, I personally observed the quality and ability of the soldiers -- both male and female. Our country is in good hands.

I was in a basic training company at Fort Lewis in early 1968. I believe we are now in better hands. If you are someone who has retired or hasn't trained recently with an active duty infantry unit, the changes would be duly noted. Soldiers are computer literate. Vietnam-age portable field telephones have been replaced by complex (and expensive) digital secure voice telephones. In the past, a soldier with a map and compass was trained to shoot an azimuth to confirm a position on a typographical map. He or she still can, but may opt to use the global positioning system. This space-age device plots your grid coordinate automatically and triangulates your grid position from positioned satellites. Written messages can still be messengered, but are frequently faxed to a higher or subordinate headquarters. On a personal level, it was refreshing to see that things seem a little more egalitarian. Everyone -- whether enlisted or officer -- in the CPX pulled and worked together. They didn't seem to be "rank conscious." More importantly, there has been a big, big improvement in the mess halls -- now known as dining facilities.

Defeating, disarming or working alongside the armed forces of another country is a soldier's job. To some who fought traditional or conventional conflicts in World War II and Korea, or served on active duty during the cold war, peacekeeping may not be considered a traditional soldier's job. However, it is a duty best performed by a soldier. Only a professionally trained military force can conduct a tactical surge and insertion into a hostile combat zone, conduct offensive/defensive military operations designed to defeat, disarm and/or work alongside the military of another nation, whether they be infantry, engineers, medical, or civil affairs or transportation personnel.

As evidenced from conflicts like Operation Provide Comfort, a humanitarian assistance mission to assist Kurdish people in northern Iraq after Desert Storm in 1990-91, or more recently in 1993 during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, military personnel are trained and expect to be confronted by displaced or dislocated civilians or refugees. Non-combatants present in the area of operations (AO) will require emergency humanitarian assistance: food, water, shelter, medical support and protection. No commander relishes diverting and devoting scarce military supplies/resources to care for non-combatants, but it is an issue that cannot be ignored. It is a tenet of international law and official Army doctrine that civilians (and prisoners of war) deserve substance, safety and protection. These civil related duties can be best performed by the civil or military authorities of the HN. If necessary humanitarian assistance cannot be provided, support can be solicited from the United Nations or private voluntary or

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For history buffs

Join the San Francisco History Association in recalling San Francisco's two 20th century world's fairs. Two fall programs will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street at Geary/Starr King Way Triangle. The first program, Oct. 20, will feature the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exhibition that shaped the Marina District. The second program, Nov. 17, will star the "technicolor" Treasure Island Fair (Golden Gate International Exhibition) of 1939-1940, as the world poised for war. Both programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Call the San Francisco History Association at **750-9986** for details.

Discussion group

The San Francisco Civil War Round Table is an informal study and discussion group (not aligned with any partisan organization) which meets at 8 p.m., third Thursday of the month, at the Presidio Community Club's Anza Room. We are not re-enactors. We meet to hear informal lectures and discussions, see films and hear book reviews. Take advantage of group discounts on Civil War books and events, keep abreast of Civil War news across America, be informed of and participate in efforts to preserve America's Civil War heritage. Enjoy the fellowship of others who share our interest in American history. The public is welcome to visit our meetings. In addition to the meeting place, our general address is: San Francisco Civil War Round Table, P.O. Box 2389, Livermore, Calif., 94551. The telephone number is **(510) 846-1957**. We do reply to all inquiries.

CHAMPUS news

Certain providers of health care services under CHAMPUS won't be bound by the recently announced limits on how much non-participating providers can charge CHAMPUS patients.

Exempted from the billing limitations are: pharmacies, ambulance companies, independent labs and x-ray companies, durable medical equipment and medical supply companies, and portable x-ray companies.

The new rules about how much CHAMPUS patients can be billed went into effect Nov. 1, 1993. Providers who treat CHAMPUS patients, but who don't participate in CHAMPUS, may not bill CHAMPUS patients more than 15 percent above the CHAMPUS allowable charge for any services they render.

The billing limits were enacted in the 1993 Department of Defense Appropriations Act. Health care providers who charge more than the prescribed limits may have their authorization to provide care to CHAMPUS patients withdrawn.

Child care available

Certified on-post Family Child Care provider, with references, has child care positions available: one full-time, over age two position; one after-school position (Cabrillo student grades 1 to 5 will receive a lower rate in exchange for walking my child home); drop-in hourly positions (make those doctor appointments, visit a friend, shop freely or just pamper yourself); or a few regular part-time positions. Children will need to be registered with the FCC Office located in the Religious Activities Center. Fill out the paperwork and prepare yourself for a few moments of freedom or flexibility. Many other FCC providers are also available on post. Call Marie Byars at **441-3529**.

Spouse Club news

Having trouble finding the right gift for Christmas? No worries! The Presidio Spouses' Club is sponsoring the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the Religious Activities Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 5. There will be lots of unique hand-crafted items for everyone. Open to the public. Anyone interested in renting a table may contact Dru Beecher at 771-8775. A military ID card is required to sell items.

The last Flea Market was such a success, the Presidio Spouses' Club is going to do it again! The Flea Market will be held in the main post gym parking lot, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 5. First come, first served, so come early to rent your space. Space rental fee is $5. You must be a military ID card holder to rent a space, but everyone is welcome to buy. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure!

USO scholarships

The Budweiser/USO scholarship program for 1995-1996 is now accepting applications. Applications are available at USO locations or may be obtained by calling **391-1657**.

Application requirements (established by Budweiser):

1) Eligibility? * Family members of active duty military (children and spouses only). * Must have graduated from High School within the last four years (cut-off date is 1991).

2) Applications must be post-marked no later than March 1, 1995. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

3) The following are required: appropriate signatures, appropriate verifications, appropriate recommendations, transcripts.

4) Winners will be selected based on the following three items: scholastic achievement, a portion must go to those family members of enlisted personnel, a portion must go to those family members serving overseas duty.

5) Scores from only one testing will be accepted, not the best of multiple testings.

6) U.S. Coast Guard members serving in Alaska and Hawaii are considered overseas.

Letterman update

Optometry service is available to active duty personnel on the first and third Thursday of the month. Call **561-3110** to make an appointment.

Pelvic examination (PAP smear) is available to active duty personnel and their family members. Call **561-3110** for an appointment.

Flu shots are now available to active duty personnel. call **561-330** for information.

Transition news

The Sixth Region Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) Outreach Team will visit the Presidio of San Francisco Nov. 7 through 10. The orientation is for all personnel transitioning from the service. This program is also available to spouses of soldiers in transition. The seminar takes place in the Community Activity Center, Building 682, beginning at 1 p.m., Nov. 7. The first day will be an overview of ACAP, followed by guest speakers from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the California Employment Development Office. Day two will consist of morning and afternoon sessions of group transition counseling. Day three will consist of a job skills workshop presented by the Job Assistance Center, including assistance in resume preparation. Day four is for additional counseling and transition assistance and should end at noon on Nov. 10. Additional questions may be addressed to Mr. Francis, Retirement Services, at **561-3600/3606.**

Domestic violence not a new problem

Society's understanding of the "Battered Woman Syndrome" has gradually increased over the last several years. Yet, domestic violence is still believed to be the most common, but least reported crime in our nation.

Most incidents of domestic violence are not reported because those involved consider it a private matter and because the victim fears more battering.

Due to the silence of victims of battering and those with whom they come in contact, it is impossible to know the exact extent of battering in our society. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that one in every three women in the United States is battered; other sources suggest one in two.

Women are the primary victims of battering. In the United States, a woman is more likely to be assaulted by a male partner (husband or a boyfriend) than any other assailant.

According to the Department of Justice, when abuse occurs within a marriage, 95 percent of assaults of spouses are committed by men. Married men are the victims of battering in two to five percent of cases. DoD figures indicate men are victims ranging between 20 to 33 percent of reported spouse abuse cases.

* Battering may start or become worse during pregnancy.

* Battering may lead to miscarriage.

* Battering may lead to alcohol or drug abuse -- a form of abuse to the child. Twenty-four to 45 percent of all women who are battered are battered during pregnancy.

* Battering during pregnancy may be an indication of what life holds in store for the unborn child.

* Pregnant women in battering relationships have increased risk of delivering low-birthweight infants.

Approximately one-half of batterers also intentionally injure their children physically or sexually. Children may be injured unintentionally when a batterer uses weapons or throws household items and strikes a woman who is holding a child or uses weapons.

All children who witness domestic violence experience emotional abuse. As a result, children can feel:

* Anxious, depressed, confused, angry and embarrassed;

* Responsible for the abuse;

* Guilty about not being ale to stop the abuse;

* Afraid of being left;

* Afraid of real or unreal danger.

Children living in violent homes often experience physical symptoms such as learning problems, headaches, ulcers, rashes, hearing or speech problems, and sleeping or eating disorders.

In 18th and 19th century France, abused husbands were forced by the community to wear women's clothing and to ride backwards on a donkey, holding its tail. This humiliating practice, called the *charivari*, was also common in other parts of Europe.

Thirty or more studies show that women were most likely to use violence in self-defense or in retaliation against their husbands.

Similar rates of violence have been found for males and females in premarital relationships.

If female-on-male domestic violence is so widespread, why hasn't it come to the public's attention before? Men are trained not to ask for help, and a man's inability to solve his own problems is seen as a sign of weakness.

Women may typically slap a partner or pound on his chest as an expression of outrage or in frustration because of his having turned a deaf ear to repeated attempts to discuss some critical issue.

One of the main reasons *minor* assaults by women are such an important problem is that they put women in danger of much more severe retaliation by men.

Ending assault by spouses prevents assaults for a number of reasons:

* Intrinsic moral wrong of assaulting a spouse, as expressed in the fact that such assaults are criminal acts, even when no injury occurs;

* Unintended validation of the traditional cultural norms tolerating a certain level of violence between spouses;

* Danger of escalation when wives engage in *harmless* minor violence.

Rates of partner homicide indicate that wives murder male partners at a rate that is 56 percent as great as the rate of partner homicides by husbands.

Four explanations for the lack of recognition of battered husbands:

* Lack of empirical data on relationship of violence committed by women;

* Battered men and abusive women have received *selective inattention* by both the media and researchers;

* Men are reluctant to acknowledge that they have been beaten by their wives;

* Because of the greater severity of physical damage that women suffer at the hands of abusive men, women's victimization is more visible.

A study by Straus et al. (a national representative sample of 2,142 couples) in 1975 was conducted and repeated in 1985. The later study showed the overall rate of violence by husbands had declined slightly but violence by wives showed a small increase.

The cultural norms which make the marriage license also a hitting license are accepted to about the same degree by both men and women.

The Military Departments have been providing services to families since late in the 1970's. Spouse abuse is not a new problem. Documentation of the last six years of data identifies cases for intervention and treatment. Total spouse abuse reports reflect an overall 30 percent rise since FY 88 and a decrease of less than one percent over FY 92 reports. There was a similar increase of 22 percent for substantiated reports since FY 88 and a decline of seven percent from FY 92 substantiated reports.

Reporting rates (represented in rate per 1,000) for total reports and substantiated reports indicate a pattern of slow, steady but gradual increase over this six-year period. This is of particular interest since the spouse population has declined each year since FY 88 (except during FY 92 Desert Storm deployment). Substantial funding, staffing growth, training and awareness have occurred in the Family Advocacy Program (FGAP) since the inception of the program within the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 1984. The FAP managers attribute the substantiated increases, above, to improved efforts by staff and case review committees to evaluate and report each incident and, in part, to problems generating economic stressors, and to concerns about deployments, mobility and downsizing. Percentages for substantiating reports hover very consistently between 76 and 81 percent. Individual Services percentages have fluctuated more widely between 69 and 89 percent. Social workers speculate that this uniform and high percentage indicates that when a spouse comes forward to report an incident of violence, the information to determine that the case is substantiated is also available.

Substantiation rates are also fairly consistent for all Services, with gradual increases. These rates have increased from 12.0 per 1,000 in FY 88 to 18.1 per 1,000 in FY 93. One observed exception occurred in FY 92 for the Marine Corps when a spiked increase appeared to reflect the implementation of a new service central registry and improvements in their data collection system. Similarly the rates for total reports

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Bleacher Brief

Army wins Armed Forces rugby title

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

Army Capt. Mike Legg's score in the closing minutes, combined with 1st Lt. Bill Marshall's two-point conversion helped Army clinch the 1994 Armed Forces rugby championships.

Legg's second try of the day led Army to a 25-17 victory over the Marine Corps at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla. Defending champion Navy captured third by beating Air Force 17-0 in the consolation game. The Coast Guard finished fifth.

Similar to football, rugby consists of two 40-minute periods. Amateur leagues field 15 players per team. Rules limit substitutions to two per game and only to replace injured players. Like soccer, action is nonstop except for injuries.

Scoring is also similar to American football. Rugby's touchdown, known as a try, awards five points for crossing the goal line and physically "touching" the ball into the end zone. Penalty kicks and drop kicks are worth three points, while successful conversion attempts following trys are two points.

Missed opportunities cost the Marines the title. MSgt. W.F. Clapp of Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N.C., said the Corps outran the Army throughout the final, but lost to Army's size and four missed scoring chances.

"We had one chance where (Capt.) Kenny Wynn crossed the line," said Clapp, "But he got hit across the face, and the ball got stripped before he could down it. That took a lot out of us."

Army battled from a 10-5 deficit in the final minutes to take a 12-10 halftime lead. Legg tied the contest at 10, then watched as Marshall's conversion gave the Army its two-point lead.

In the second half, Marshall increased Army's lead to 15-10 on a 40-yard penalty kick 18 minutes into the period. He added another three-pointer seven minutes later, giving Army an 18-10 margin.

The Marines battled back, closing to 18-17 on Sgt. Ellis Graves' try and 1st Lt. Keith Takabayashi's conversion. However, Army clinched victory and the title when Legg took a lateral pitch and tumbled into the end zone.

Marine Sgt. Rodney Washington gave the Corps an early 5-0 lead, but Army countered when Capt. Mike Bowman tied it at five. The Marines took their final lead on Capt. Phil Murphy's try, which held until halftime.

Sports shorts

Teach hoops

Presidio's Youth sports Program is recruiting volunteers for the 1995 basketball season. If you can coach, or be an assistant coach for two to four hours per week, please call Allen Posey at **561-4120**.

Swim team

Swim team alert! Maj. Mike Koplin is in desperate need of one or two assistant coaches for the Presidio Youth swim team. Come on, all of you swimming buffs, help him out. There are 33 swimmers on the team, and Koplin says that requires more than one coach can give them. It's a small commitment, requiring only two hours per week (practices are 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays) and one Saturday morning per month. If interested, contact Koplin at **561-2067** or **929-7839**.

Golf course

The Presidio Army Golf Course will be open for limited public play beginning Tuesday. The course is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 7 a.m. to dusk. Cost per round is $30 during the week and $45 on weekends. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling **751-0260** from 7:30 a.m. to noon. To make a reservation, a minimum of three players are required. Reservations will be accepted no earlier than one week in advance for week days and on Tuesdays for the following weekend. Only one reservation may be made per call. Individuals without reservations can sign up at the starter shack and play on a space available basis.

The course is open for tournaments on Fridays. The public may schedule tournaments by calling **751-0562**.

Opening some tee times to the public will not affect the Presidio Army Golf Club's use of the course. Be sure to watch for numerous improvements to the golf course, including new carts and cart paths.

Turkey shoot

The Presidio Subinstallation Sports Branch presents a Thanksgiving turkey shoot, Nov. 23 at the Presidio Army Golf Course. Shotgun start and check-in time is 11:30 a.m., with tee-off time at noon. The divisions are open, seniors (40 years +), and Calloway (no established handicap). The entry fee for the turkey shoot is $8. The tournament is open to all active duty personnel, Department of the Army civilians, family members (20 years or older), U.S. National Park Service staff assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco, and U.S. Army retirees on a space available basis. Green fees, as established by the Presidio Army Golf Course, must be paid in advance at the Presidio Sports Office by golfers who are not members of the Presidio Army Golf Course. Golf cart rental fees will be paid at the starter house by 11:45 a.m. the day of the tournament. Submit your entry to the Presidio Sports Office, Building 63, no later than Nov. 22. For information, call Bobbie Gascon or Bob Darling at **561-4120/4131**.

Hallowe'en traditions explained, safety advice given to Presidians

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian Staff

Everyone knows that Hallowe'en is a time for kids to dress in costume and go trick-or-treating all over the neighborhood, right?

Have you ever wondered, though, where our Hallowe'en traditions originated? If you have, read on!

Hallowe'en, or All Hallows' Eve, has its origins in the Celtic/Druid holiday of Samhain (pronounced SOV-een or SOW-in), the Druidic New Year. The Celts believed that Samhain was the one night on which the spirits walked the Earth, hoping to visit their living friends and relatives.

In order to protect themselves from any potentially angry ancestors, the Celts would disguise themselves if they went out after dark on Samhain. This tradition has carried on into modern times, with children disguising themselves as ghosts, princesses, witches, Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, Aladdin . . . whatever strikes their fancy when it's time to select that special costume.

Once the kids are in costume, they are ready to go around the neighborhood crying "trick or treat." This comes from another Samhain custom. In order to appease the spirits, or "wee folk," Celts left dishes of food and milk outside their doors. It was believed that, by providing these "treats" to the brownies, leprechauns and spirits, "tricks" or bad luck during the coming year would be prevented.

The carved, lighted pumpkins also have their origin in a Celtic legend. It seems that a fellow by the name of Jack was lost in a fen (bog or marsh) and his lantern was broken. So, he carved a hollow into a turnip and placed his candle inside it to light his way home. This has given way to pumpkins that we still call Jack O'Lantern in honor of that long ago Irishman.

If your kids are taking part in the Hallowe'en revelry on the Presidio of San Francisco this year, here are some things you need to know:

* The Presidio of San Francisco's official "trick or treat hours" are 6 to 8 p.m., Monday.

* Parents ensure all children are supervised and escort all children under 10 years old.

* Discuss safety with children prior to "trick or treating."

* Ensure costumes are visible at night, allow freedom of movement, and do not restrict vision. Consider face paint/makeup instead of a mask.

* Do not allow children to accept fruit or home-made goodies.

* Encourage children to remain on the Presidio.

* Encourage children to avoid all dark houses. Only trick-or-treat at homes with outside lights on.

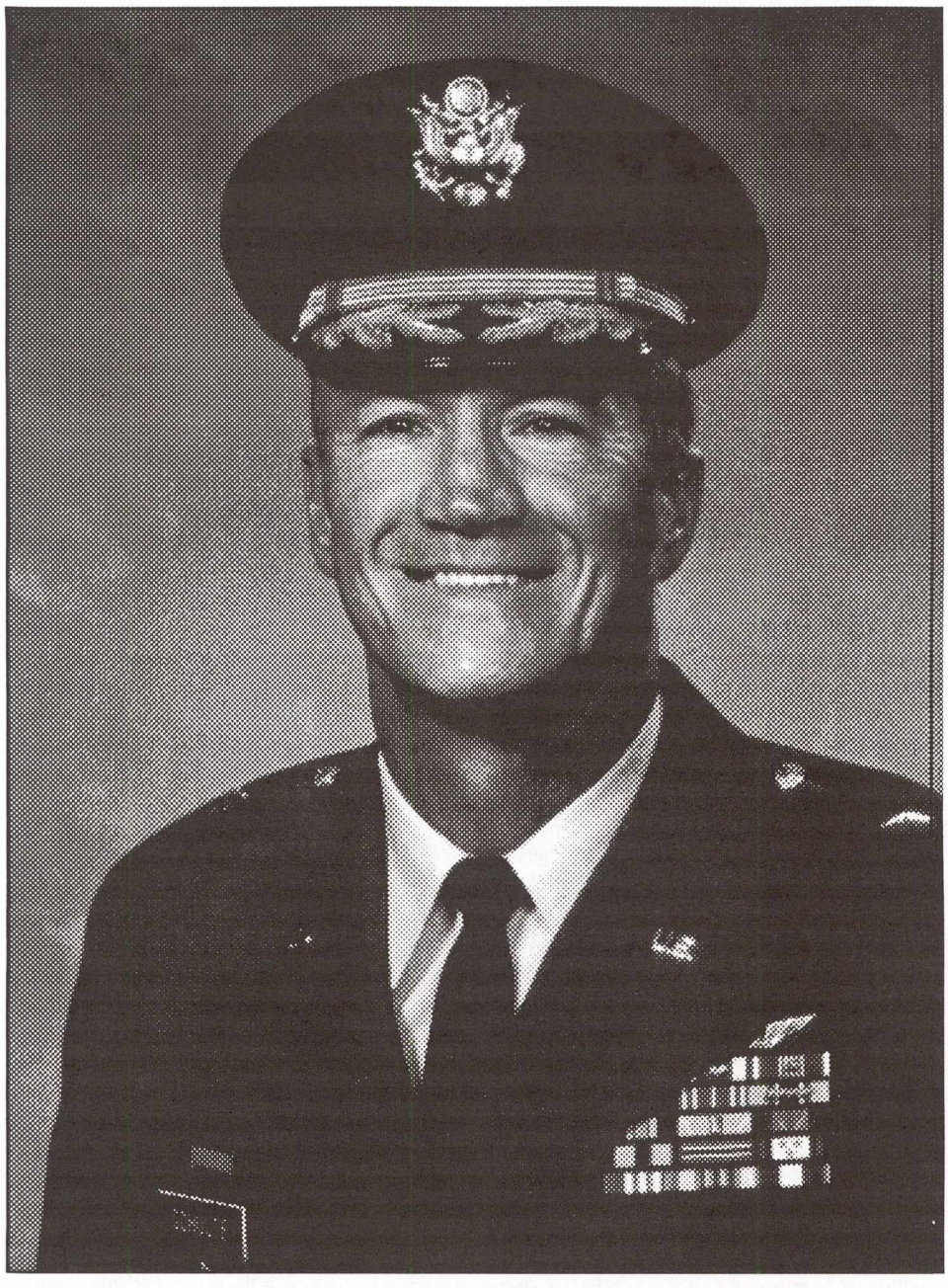
* Stay off high-traffic roads.

* Carry a flashlight or chem-lite. Chem-lites may be obtained from the Military Police starting today.

* The Youth Activities Center will be open until 8 p.m. for trick-or-treaters.

The Youth Activities Center is also celebrating the season with a Fall Carnival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow, featuring a pumpkin carving contest, putt-putt golf, dart throw, demonstration by the Presidio Karate Club, and more.

North Dakota Guardsman named as new Sixth Army Deputy for Reserves



Brig. Gen. Robert E. Schulte was appointed Deputy Commander, Reserve Component, for Sixth U.S. Army on Oct. 1, with responsibilities for administering training and mobilization readiness programs for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve within the 12-state Sixth U.S. Army area.

Schulte was born on Dec. 8, 1936, in Carroll, Iowa. he graduated from South Dakota State University in 1959 with a degree in agriculture and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Armor. Schulte was an outstanding athlete, participating in both football and baseball and attaining All-American status in the latter. AFter serving three years in the active Army, Schulte joined the North Dakota Army National Guard as a rotary wing aviator in 1963. In his career, Schulte has held every command position from platoon leader through group commander in Armor, Aviation and Engineer units. From July 1988 to Sept. 1994, Schulte served as assistant Adjutant General for the North Dakota Army National Guard.

Schulte has received numerous decorations and awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation medal, Army Achievement medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon and Master Army Aviator Badge.

Schulte's civic and military affiliations include: National Guard Association of the United States and N. D., Mandan Lions Club, Mandan Elks Club, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Mandan Chamber of Commerce, Mandan Athletic and Recreation Club, National Rifle Association, and Ducks Unlimited.

Schulte retired as Chief Executive Officer for Cloverdale Foods Company, Mandan, N.D., in 1991 to devote full time to the North Dakota National Guard. He and his wife, Euella, reside in Mandan. They have four children: Brenda, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Cheryl, of Bismarck, N.D.; Karen, of Rockford, Ill., and; Bob of Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

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international non-governmental organizations.

In carrying out mandated duties/responsibilities to non-combatants, a commander's staff will need to be trained and have hands-on experience in dealing with a variety of cultures, languages and customs, different military organizations, non-governmental or international service organizations. The military commander, in performing humanitarian assistance, or in coordinating with others to do so, will not only be caring/protecting non-combatants, but minimizing the uncontrolled movement of civilians onto or across an area of offensive/defensive operations.

Today's planning and training for military conflicts of differing intensity must include problems involving the handling of dislocated civilians and ensuring that a non-combatant's moral/legal right to food, clothing, health, shelter and protection is satisfied. So, war-gaming today must include peacekeeping or peace enforcement operations and address the myriad or cornucopia of issues which may include non-combatant evacuation, repatriation, actual caring for displaced civilians in collection points, assembly areas or camps, providing their transportation or, in some cases, public services/utilities, and rebuilding the government -- known as nation building. Training will be additionally demanding in the 1990's and in different ways. As recently reported in the Army Times, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said, " . . . we have to close the seams between the services and really fight as joint teams."

Instead of destroying bridges or obstacles, Army engineers may be working for a joint task force headed by a Naval admiral and handling de-mining operations, establishing or installing water purification/decontamination sites.

In this global village, as envisioned by Marshall McLuhan, military trainers need to be further mindful of local or international print and electronic news media. CNN press representatives could televise that river crossing, beach landing or refugee camp. So, modern war gaming exercises include problem play involving interface with the press corps, or fourth estate. In this age of instant communications, the details of formerly unheralded fire-fights in Mogadishu, Somalia, could be and were graphically broadcast on the nightly news and seen by millions of Americans.

U.S. soldiers are trained to fight and win our nation's war. Soldiers may still fight but also must be ever mindful of civilians and humanitarian assistance. A military commander must train his or her troops to fight today's or tomorrow's war -- not yesterday's.

Warfare is changing, and the armed forces appear to be training for it. World War III, or a nuclear holocaust, no longer appears to be on the radar scope. Military planners and trainers are training for conventional conflict and troops are being trained in map reading, first aid, marksmanship, communications and related battlefield survival matters. But, in handling conflicts short of war, troops need to be further familiar with coordinating humanitarian care for boat people or refugees and in ensuring that the needs of non-combatants or refugees are met or coordination is made with others to perform life saving measures. In future conflicts, like Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti and even unrest on the Iraq border, there is a fine line between diplomacy and conflict. As times change, so do the military threats and so must training to meet tomorrow's contingencies.

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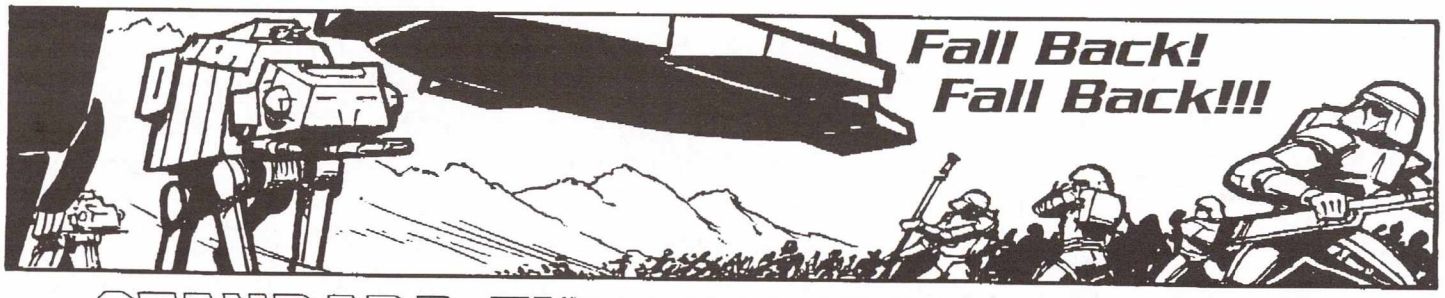
have increased from 15.4 in FY 88 to 24.7 in FY 93.

While the spouse population declined over the past few years, the slight increase in FY 91 reflects the Reserve and Guard deployment population joining the active force. Change in troop population has resulted in preliminary Army installation reports that discuss troop reductions and their connections to numbers of reported cases that either increased or remained the same. As a result, Service FAP managers will be asked to examine these downsizing and relocation trends because of future resource implications. The increase in rates of spouse abuse reports and in substantiated cases have resulted as DoD increased program resources for prevention and treatment. This has undoubtedly created a heightened level of awareness of domestic violence as a serious social problem and increased use of the program. This awareness may contribute to more military families receiving assistance in dealing with violence issues in their relationships.

Report spouse abuse to the Military Police at **561-2251** or the Family Advocacy Program at **561-3612**.

(Family Advocacy Program)

EDITOR'S NOTE: October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.



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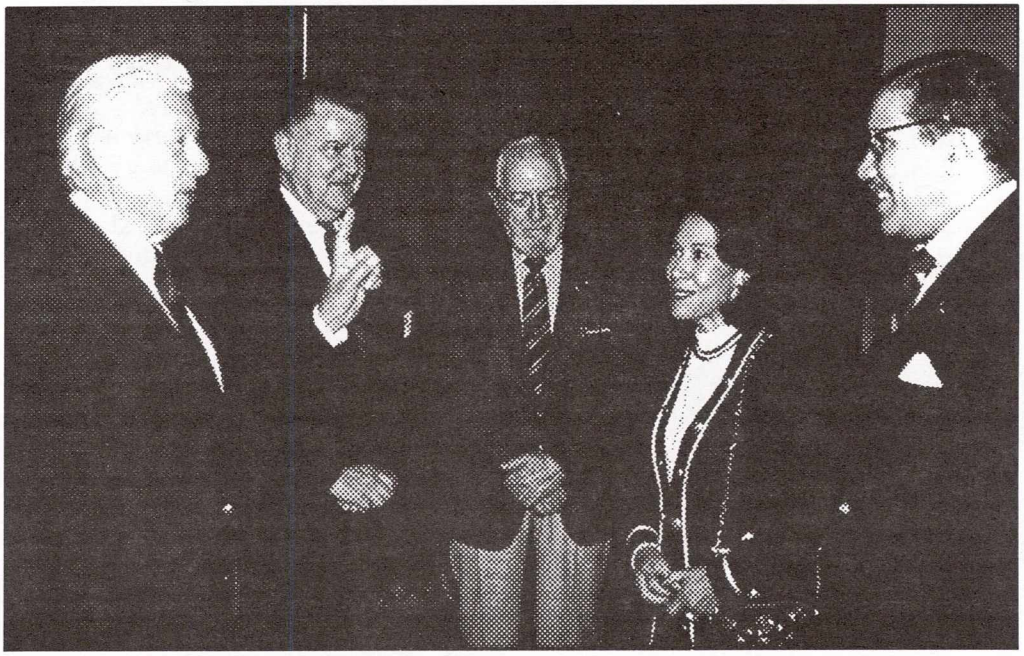

How do you do?

Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Togo D. West, Jr. (right) greet Sixth U.S. Army Civilian Aides (from left) Donald A. Mackey (Utah), Henry Morris (Northern California), and Addison Bragg (Montana) at the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army Conference held at the Presidio of San Francisco. (TSC photo)

Secretary of the Army visits Presidio

By Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux
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Sixth U.S. Army recently hosted Secretary of the Army Togo D. West, Jr., and his civilian aides from 12 western states at a regional Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) conference held at the Presidio.

Civilian aides from every state in the Sixth Army area attended the conference, which was designed to provide the CASAs a forum for face-to-face discussion of issues with the Secretary of the Army and Sixth U.S. Army Commander, Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.

CASAs are civic-minded community leaders selected by the Secretary to advise him and Army commanders. Each Civilian Aide is appointed for a two-year (renewable) term and serves voluntarily without pay. As senior civilian advisors to the Secretary of the Army within their state, they explain and interpret Army programs, positions, and problems to other state leaders through personal contact and correspondence and to the general public through public statements, appearances and speeches.

Not government employees, CASAs are generally prominent civic and business leaders in their state. Several in the Sixth Army area are well known nationally because of their successful careers. For example, the CASA from Colorado is Peter Coors of the Coors Brewing Company; the CASA from southern California is Harve Bennett, who produced several "Star Trek" movies and science fiction television series, to include "Seaquest" and "Time Trax"; and CASA at-Large is William Hyble, who is past president of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Besides meetins with Secretary West and Lt. Gen. Mallory, the CASAs were treated to a concert by the Sixth Army Band at a dinner held in their honor at the Presidio Community Club.

TASC photo

Secretary West (left) shares a laugh with Jon N. Bengtson, Sixth U.S. Army CASA from Nevada.

A grateful nation remembers

Today, we honor and salute all of the many millions of American veterans who, throughout our history, have placed their lives on the line for liberty.

Before we'd inaugurated our first president or ratified the Constitution — even before we'd written the Declaration of Independence, making us a country — we counted on our soldiers to defend American liberty.

In the many years that have passed since our nation was born, veterans have given selfless service to this great country in both time of peace and time of war. On every Veterans Day, we remember our 116,000 American "doughboys," who, in World War I, died on the battlefields of Europe. After all, "Veterans Day" was first called "Armistice Day," and it was conceived as a tribute to the Americans who sacrificed their lives in that war. No less do we honor all American veterans who have served in every other war, before and after World War I, to defend democracy.

We honor our veterans in every period of peace as well, for they protected — and they still protect — the democracy for which our war veterans fought and died. Though their mission is to fight and win wars, they also provide emergency relief and humanitarian aid throughout the world. In the African countries of Somalia and Rwanda, they have provided food and fresh water for tens of thousands who faced death from starvation and cholera.

In the United States, they have provided emergency shelter, food, and medical care for persons whose lives and homes were shattered by hurricanes. As part of a United Nations force, they helped keep the peace in strife-ridden Bosnia. In Los Angeles when riots broke out, they helped restore and maintain order. This past summer, they fought forest fires in the state of Washington. They also deployed to Guantanamo, where they supported the U.S. operation to receive and process the flood of refugees from Cuba and Haiti. Each year, the list of extraordinary service grows longer.

But, although we honor all our veterans and value their service and sacrifice, this Veterans Day of 1994 is an appropriate time to pay special tribute to American veterans of World War II.

The time is appropriate because this is the fourth year of our country's commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of World War II. Today, about nine million American veterans of that war remain alive — more than half of those who served. This is our last opportunity to involve so many veterans of the war in a major commemoration.

In 1941, when the Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor hurled us into World War II, we mustered more than 16-and-a-half million Americans to battle on many fronts. We lost 400,000 of them in that war.

Our loss was tragic, but great sacrifice was necessary. How different the world would be today if our nation had not mobilized, had not sent its sons and daughters across two oceans to help defeat the Axis Powers — Germany, Italy, and Japan — in their pursuit of world conquest.

Some of us remember how it was 50 years ago, in 1944. Though formidable, the Axis Powers no longer seemed invincible. Allied victory appeared more and more likely. Let us recall a few of the key events in that year:

* On June 6 — D-Day — Allied forces in vast numbers began the long-planned offensive against Hitler's Fortress Europe. Under the supreme command of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, they had crossed the English Channel and landed at Normandy. Their mission: to free a continent.

* On June 15, U.S. Superfortress bombers — B-29's — began raids on Japan.

* On Aug. 25, Paris erupted in a frenzy of celebration. After four years of occupation by German forces, the City of Light was liberated. American Pvt. Irwin Shaw, later famous as a novelist and playwright, was one of the troops in Paris that day. He called it "the day the war should have ended."

* On Oct. 20, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, leading U.S. forces, returned to liberate the Philippines. Over the din of battle on the invasion beach at Leyte, MacArthur's voice resounded from loudspeakers. Slowly, with emotion, MacArthur spoke these words into a microphone: "People of the Philippines, I have returned by the grace of Almighty God, our forces stand again on Philippine soil... The hour of your redemption is here ... Rally to me!"

Yes, the tide of war was turning in our favor. Even so, months of bitter fighting lay ahead before we would see victory in Europe. Many more months remained before the Japanese would surrender.

Some of us remember the events of 1944 because we fought in World War II. Some of us lived through the war years as friends, relatives, or family members of veterans. Some of us may have been too young to remember a father, an older brother, or an uncle who never returned from the battles of that war. And with each passing year, more and more of us who pay tribute to America's veterans will have been born years after World War II.

But that makes no difference. Whatever our age or our memory of that war, we have good reasons to honor our World War IIveterans. This 50th-anniversary commemoration can help us learn what those reasons are. For one thing, it can help us reaffirm the answers to some important questions: Who are these veterans we honor today? What do they look like? Where do they come from?

In truth, our veterans are the very embodiment of America itself. They are the composite of our nation and all that has made it great.

American veterans of World War II, like those who served before and after them, represent all races and ethnic groups. They are men and they are women. They are of

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Discussion group

The San Francisco Civil War Round Table is an informal study and discussion group (not aligned with any partisan organization) which meets at 8 p.m., third Thursday of the month, at the Presidio Community Club's Anza Room. We are not re-enactors. We meet to hear informal lectures and discussions, see films and hear book reviews. Enjoy the fellowship of others who share our interest in American history. The public is welcome to visit our meetings. In addition to the meeting place, our general address is: San Francisco Civil War Round Table, P.O. Box 2389, Livermore, Calif., 94551. The telephone number is **(510) 846-1957**. We do reply to all inquiries.

USO scholarships

The Budweiser/USO scholarship program for 1995-1996 is now accepting applications. Applications are available at USO locations or may be obtained by calling **391-1657**.

Application requirements (established by Budweiser) are the following:

1) Eligibility: •Family members of active duty military (children and spouses only). •Must have graduated from High School within the last four years (cut-off date is 1991).

2) Application must be post-marked no later than March 1, 1995. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

3) The following are required: appropriate signatures, appropriate verifications, appropriate recommendations, transcripts.

4) Winners will be selected based on the following three items: scholastic achievement, a portion must go to those family members of enlisted personnel, a portion must go to those family members serving overseas duty.

5) Scores from only one testing will be accepted, not the best of multiple testings.

6) U.S. Coast Guard members serving in Alaska and Hawaii are considered overseas.

Exploratorium notes

The Exploratorium, San Francisco's popular museum of science, art, and human perception, will be open during Thanksgiving Week, from Nov. 22 through Nov. 27, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, when the museum will be closed. Its hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and Wednesday evenings until 9:30 p.m. The Exploratorium is located inside the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco's Marina District.

Poetry reading

A Poetry Center reading and open house to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Poetry Center and American Poetry Archives will take place at 7 p.m. tonight, in room 133 of the New Humanities Building, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave. The reading features poets Kathleen Fraser and Carol Muske and novelist and screenwriter Thomas Sanchez. The event is free. For information, call **(415) 338-2227**.

Office closure

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the ID Card Section, Retirement Services Office, and AG Liaison Office will be closed Nov. 25.

AAFES news

The Shoppette will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 24. All other facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Normal hours of operation will resume Nov. 25.

PX Council

The Quarterly PX Council Meeting takes place at 1:30 pm., Nov. 17, in the Main Conference Room of Building 682 (Community Activities Center). To conduct a useful meeting for discussing and resolving problems, all members are requested to submit items of interest or concern to Community & Family Activities, Building 682, ATTN: Julio Sosa, by close of business today. Phone **(415) 561-3629** for information.

Veterinary services

Veterinary Services is a limited-service clinic, providing vaccinations for dogs and cats, as well as health certificates, heartworm tests and leukemia tests. We are not authorized to perform surgery or any procedure requiring anesthesia, including spaying and neutering. We offer limited sick call appointments (services other than routine vaccinations) including checking ears and skin. Veterinary Services is unable to provide emergency or urgent care. We recommend having records kept at a civilian veterinarian to provide services that we cannot provide at our facility. Office hours for the Presidio Veterinary Clinic are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month. For information or to make an appointment, call **(707) 424-3010**.

Chapel update

The Chapel will sponsor a Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon, Nov. 22, at the Presidio Community Club. Tickets for this event will be available at the Chapel office for a $5 donation.

The Catholic and Protestant congregations are having a Chapel Family Potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Community Activities Center. This dinner is planned to honor our single and unaccompanied soldiers. All single and unaccompanied soldiers are invited for the free food and fellowship.

Christmas Ball

Soldiers and civilians (all ranks/all grades) of the Sixth U.S. Army are invited to the annual Christmas Ball at the Presidio Community Club, Dec. 16. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:45. Select your choice of tenderloin deluxe ($26), grilled halibut ($25), or almond chicken ($22). All selections include tossed green salad, vegetable, French rolls, dessert, wine, and coffee or tea. Music will be provided by the Sixth U.S. Army Combo and Brass Choir. Make your reservations through your directorate point of contact. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early.

Zoo Winterfest

The San Francisco Zoo will hold its annual WinterFest holiday celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 4. This event is free to the public with paid admission. Sloat Blvd. at the Pacific Ocean. For information, call **(415) 753-7171**.

Books needed

Do you have some good clean paperback books that you'd like to donate to a worthy cause? They are desperately needed by the American Wheelchair Veterans' Association. Comic books can also be used. If you have any books to donate, mail them to:

American Wheelchair Veterans Association
5355 Madre Mesa Drive
Las Vegas, Nev., 89108

Ed Center closure

The Education Center will be closed Nov. 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holidays. Customers may call Jeane Redsecker at **561-3683** for information about affected programs.

DDP offers coverage to family members

The Uniformed Services Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan (better known as DDP) offers comprehensive dental coverage to the families of active duty service members. Sponsored by the Department of Defense and your service branch, DDP was greatly expanded in 1993 and is now comparable to group plans offered by civilian employers. The plan covers crowns, bridges, dentures, braces, root canal treatment, gum surgery and extractions, as well as routine checkups, cleanings and fillings.

Each service branch pays 60 percent of the total premium amount, which makes your share of the cost very reasonable at $10 for one family member or $20 for two or more family members. Also, members of Dependents Dental Plan do not have to satisfy a deductible before being able to receive coverage. The yearly maximum is $1,000 per patient for all covered services except orthodontics, which has a lifetime maximum of $1,200 per patient.

Most diagnostic and preventive services (checkups, x-rays, cleanings) are covered at 100 percent. Sealants and basic restorative services such as fillings are covered at 80 percent. Endodontics (root canals), periodontics (gum surgery) and oral surgery are covered at 60 percent and prosthodontics (crowns, bridges) at 50 percent. Unlike many civilian group plans, DDP even covers orthodontics (braces) at 50 percent for family members through 18 years of age.

Under Dependents Dental Plan, enrolled family members can make appointments with any licensed dentist they choose; there is no waiting for space-available care at installation clinics. Since participating Delta dentists agree to pre-approved fee schedules and submit claim forms for their patients, DDP patients can save money, time and paperwork by going to one of the more than 115,500 Delta dentist offices nationwide. The Health Benefits Advisor at your installation's CHAMPUS office can help family members locate a Delta dentist in your area.

To add your family to the more than 1.8 million family members currently enrolled in Dependents Dental Plan, simply fill out DD Form 2494 at your installation personnel office. Eligible family members must reside in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands and must participate in DDP for a minimum of 24 months. The premium will automatically be deducted from your monthly paycheck and shown on your Leave and Earnings Statement. Coverage is effective the first of the month after enrollment.

See your Health Benefits Advisor for additional information about how Dependents Dental Plan can give your family access to comprehensive, affordable dental care. The Patient Service Center at Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic may be reached at **561-2196.** Or you can call a DDP*Delta Customer Service representative at **(916) 381-9368** for answers to your questions.

(Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic Patient Service Center)

Education Center provides testing options

By Jeane Redsecker
Education Center
Special to the *Star Presidian*

Testing . . . one, two, three!

If the idea of taking a test causes you to break out in a cold sweat, you may not be the ideal candidate for credit by examination. On the other hand, if you view a test as a challenge, a chance to test your wits and demonstrate your knowledge, then this program might work for you. If it does, you can save yourself time and money while making progress toward an associate or bachelor's degree.

The concept of credit by exam recognizes that traditional college classroom instruction is only one method of learning. Work experience, formal or informal training, self-study, and in-depth reading may also provide sufficient knowledge of a subject to enable you to pass an examination recommended for credit by the American Council on Education.

Let's take an example of an imaginary testing candidate, Sgt. Joe Tentpeg. Tentpeg is a military policeman, and this enabled him to pass Introduction to Law Enforcement. His wife is German, and he has learned the language at the level beyond "Headstart." This helped him pass Beginning German I. Tentpeg's hobby is repairing cars, which enabled him to successfully challenge Engine Repair and Brakes exams. The tests Tentpeg passed earned him 14 semester hours of college credit—the equivalent of one full-time semester of college. By submitting a copy of his test reports for his military personnel records, he logged 14 promotion points.

Another example? Pfc. Angela Lopez is a native speaker of Spanish and had no difficulty passing Spanish Level 1 and 2. She was an excellent student in high school, where she took college preparatory courses, and she came into the Army directly after graduation with a GT score of 120. Her high academic ability enabled her to pass the English, Social Science, Natural Science and Math parts of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Her total credit hours earned through these exams: 36 semester hours, which is the equivalent of more than one year of college!

And now the best news of all. All exams are **free** to active duty and reserve soldiers. Practice tests or study guides are available for each test, so you can prepare to do your best. If you would like to discuss credit by exam, call the Presidio Education Center at **(415) 561-3683**.

Bleacher Brief

Youth Karate Club students promoted

Several members show their stuff in club's first competition and demonstration

The Presidio Youth Karate Club held its End of Summer Examination and Promotion Ceremony Sept. 29.

The ceremony was followed by a potluck social to say farewell to exiting students and to greet new ones.

Sensei Gregg Cohen is the chief instructor of the program which is designed to build character and community.

The ceremony was blessed with 100 percent attendance of students, parents and friends who came to show their support and see the students perform. A promotion ceremony followed the test to award students with commendations and higher ranks.

Students who were promoted for their hard work and achievement included:

Tom Reno, green belt; Max Mitrovitch, orange belt; Jimmy Utter, orange tip; Matthew Merila, orange tip; Jerod Miller, yellow belt; Alex Scholtz, yellow belt; Sarah Navratil, yellow belt; Diegh Anna Green, yellow belt; Michele Frix, yellow tip and James Miller, yellow tip.

Reno and Green were farewelled and Ronald Lynch, Dustin Navratil, Tyler Shellhammer and Taekwondo green belt Dominic Duron were welcomed into the class.

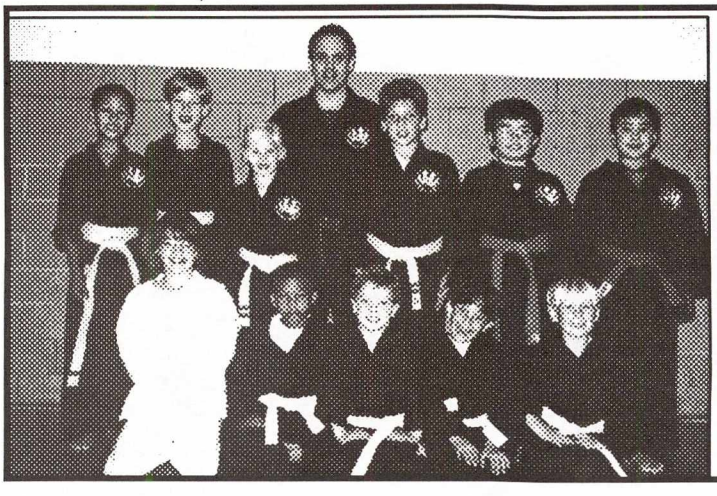
The youth karate program holds classes from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Post Gym, Building 63.

Seven students from the Karate Club competed in the annual John Periera Memorial Karate Tournament Oct. 30, in San Francisco. This was the first time the Presidio members demonstrated their abilities alongside other martial arts clubs from throughout the Bay Area. Performing their kata were: Dominic, Max, Jimmy, Matthew, Jerod, Sarah and Alex. Congratulations to Sarah, who took first place in the 7-year-old and under division with a demonstration of Kata Tikyoku Jodan, bringing home the first trophy won by a Presidio Karate Club member. Each of the Presidio Karate Club members performed excellently, overcoming the fear of a first tournament and had a great time seeing other martial arts styles.

For more information about classes, call Cohen at **861-5709**, or Joana Scholtz at **474-3893**.

Karate Club photo

Dominic Duron, Sarah Navratil, Alex Scholtz, Jerod Miller, (rear) Jimmy Utter and Max Mitrovitch surround Sarah's trophy after participating in the Presidio Youth Karate Club's first Bay Area demonstration.



Left, Sensei Gregg Cohen (rear, center) stands with the members of the Presidio Youth Karate Club. The club will continue to be featured in the "Star Presidian" as its members participate in activities and competitions in the Bay Area. Cohen can be reached for class information at 861-5709.

Pool closed

The Post Swimming Pool, Building 1151, will be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday for repairs. Normally, the indoor heated pool's operating hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. on weekends and closed on holidays. The facility features swim lessons, lifesaving classes, men's and women's locker rooms and a sauna room. For information about programs, call **561-3677**.

Native Americans honored for bravery

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

American Indians have fought bravely for our nation from its very beginnings. On March 13, 1778, George Washington wrote from Valley Forge to the commissioners of Indian Affairs asking for 400 Indians. Wrote Washington, "I think they may be made of excellent use, as scouts and light troops mixed with our own parties."

One surgeon at Valley Forge, a Dr. Waldo, wrote, "I was called to relieve a soldier thought to be dying. He expired before I reached the hut. He was an Indian, an excellent soldier, and has fought for the very people who disinherited his forefathers."

American Indians fought on both sides in the Civil War, and the U.S. Indian Scouts helped open the West by protecting railroad workers and settlers.

During World War I, the first major American involvement in a foreign war, some 25,000 Indians fought for their country. Of these, 17,313 registered for the war, 6,509 were drafted, 331 died, 262 were wounded, 64 were commissioned officers, 14 women were nurses and one man was a surgeon. Many Indians who fought did not even have U.S. citizenship, although individuals were awarded citizenship for their valor in battle.

On World War I battlefields men fought from trenches with shell fire screaming overhead. Going "over the top" meant leaving the protection of the trench to go forward into enemy territory.

Philip Jim, an Indian from Greenville, Calif., went "over the top" more than 30 times, according to his commander. upon his discharge and return to the states, the first thing Jim did was buy a $100 Liberty Bond.

Otis W. Leader, a Choctaw, was working as a foreman on an Oklahoma cattle ranch when the Untied States entered the war. Rumored to be a Germany spy, Leader enlisted in the Army as proof of his loyalty and rose to the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the 1st Division, the first U.S. division to see action, which helped the Allies win the Battle of Cantigny on May 28, 1918. The battle proved an important psychological victory, because it showed the Germans, French and British the Americans were skilled fighters.

Leader went on to earn Purple Hearts and other medals for valor in battles at Soissons, Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne Forest. The French government selected him as a model American soldier and hung a painting of him in a French federal building.

On the homefront many tribes showed loyalty and bravery. On Jan. 29, 1918, the Pittsburgh *Sun* carried a story about six Yakima Indians who were "doing their bit" for the war effort on behalf of the tribe. Snowbound in Pittsburgh for several hours, they told a reporter loyalty to Uncle Sam had prompted them to make the 6,000-mile round trip from the far Northwest to the nation's capital. In Washington they planned to see President Woodrow Wilson "for the purpose of inducing him to use for war purposes one half of the $15 million the Government holds in trust for the Indians of the Yakima Reservation."

The Indians advised reporters that a bill to use a portion of Yakima money had been introduced in Congress. In addition, tribal members were investing in Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps.

Whirlwind Soldier and Red Owl, both Sioux from South Dakota; Lone Wolf, a Kiowa from Oklahoma; and Plenty Coups, a Crow from Montana, assisted in the ceremonies when the Unknown Soldier of World War I was buried. In addition, Thomas D. Saunders, a Cheyenne from Oklahoma, served as a pall bearer. The French government awarded Saunders a Croix de Guerre for his bravery in battles at St. Mihiel and Mont Blanc.

As a result of the deep patriotism Indians throughout America displayed in the war, Congress passed a law in 1924 extending citizenship to all Indians born or living on U.S. soil.

Many Indians fought bravely in World War II. One of the better known is Army 1st Lt. Jack C. Montgomery, a Cherokee who now lives in Muskogee, Okla. Montgomery was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions as commander of a rifle platoon near Padiglione, Italy.

Early on the morning of Feb. 22, 1944, a strong enemy force had entrenched in front of his men in three echelons at distances of 50, 100 and 300 yards away. The closest position consisted of four machine guns and a mortar. Montgomery attacked it single-handedly with a rifle and several hand grenades. Climbing boldly onto a mound within easy range of the enemy, he killed eight enemy and captured the other four.

Montgomery then proceeded against the second position and again attacked with such fury that seven enemy surrendered after he had killed three. In daylight, he crossed an open area to the final position, a strongly defended house. When enemy soldiers began surrendering, Montgomery exposed himself to snipers so he could assemble them and send them to the rear. That night, Montgomery was seriously wounded by mortar fragments while helping an adjacent unit.

Born in Broken Arrow, Okla., Army 1st Lt. Ernest Childers, a Creek, also received the Medal of Honor. On Sept. 22, 1943, though suffering with a broken foot, Childers led eight enlisted men up a hill toward enemy gun nests. Ordering covering fire, he advanced alone, silencing two snipers and one machine gun nest first with rocks and then killed one machine gunner with his rifle. One of his men killed the other machine gunner, after which Childers continued up the hill alone and captured an enemy mortar observer. Childers later retired from the Army as a colonel.

Stories of Indians whose bravery went unsung are numerous. Bataan Death March survivor Clarence Rogers of Cherokee, N.C., got credit from fellow prisoners for saving their lives because he selflessly shared his food and had words of encouragement for them.

Sgt. David Colombe, a Sioux, earned a Distinguished Service Cross in November 1944 for working his way behind enemy lines and killing seven Germans and wounding many more. Colombe's actions led to collapse of a German defensive position, and he accomplished all this armed only with a knife!

One of war correspondent Ernie Pyle's last stories was about Indians with the 1st Marine Division on Okinawa. Before landing on Okinawa, Marines from the Navaho, Sioux, Comanche, Apache, Pima, Kiowa, Pueblo and Crow tribes did a ceremonial dance for a successful landing.

Pyle wrote that the Indians made their ceremonial costumes from chicken feathers, sea shells, coconuts, empty ration cans and rifle cartridges. Their war paint was supplied by the Red Cross. They ended the ceremony by singing the Marine Corps Hymn in Navaho. The non-Indian marines watched the ceremony with grave respect, wrote Pyle.

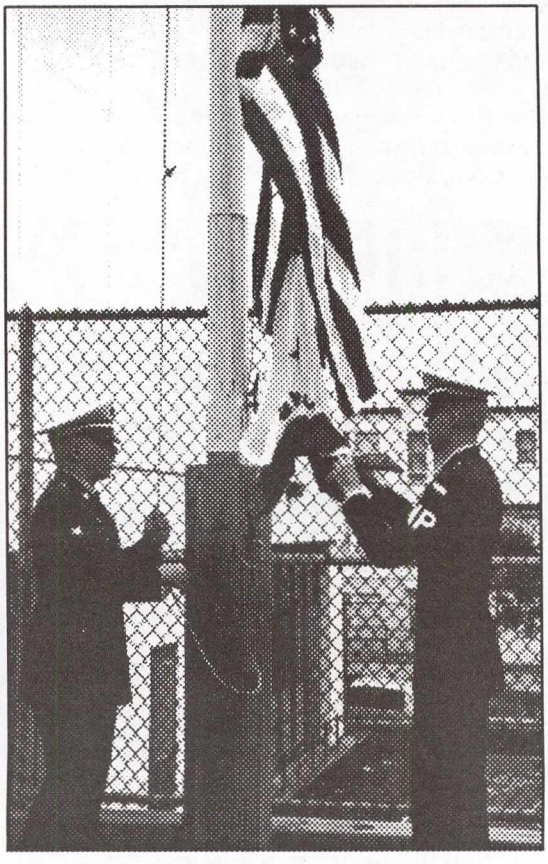
After the landing was successful, Pyle asked Navaho Pfc. Joe Gatewood if he felt the ceremony played a role. Gatewood replied that he thought it had, and added, "I knew nothing was going to happen to us, for on the way up here there was a rainbow over the convoy and I knew everything would be all right."

Editor's Note: November is Native American Heritage Month.

Local school gets new flags

Photos by Dixie Porter

Students of the Golden Gate Grammar School witnessed a unique military ceremony at 9 a.m. Nov. 1. The school received a new Star Spangled Banner and a new school flag which were raised by Presidio of San Francisco military policemen Spc. Martin Bennen and Pfc. Eric Gregson. Above, Gregson and Benner bring out the flags as Staff Sgt. Jim Kowall (top left), bugler, Sixth U.S. Army Band waits at attention. Below, the students of GGG wait in their own formation as the new flags are hoisted into position. Golden Gate Grammar School is located on Turk and Pierce streets in San Francisco.



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every creed and belief, and they fit every physical description. They are your neighbor next door, the merchant at the mall, and the police officer on the corner. They are a third of the 27 million Americans living today who have proudly worn their country's military uniform. The buddies they lost in battle are nearly half of the million who've died defending America throughout its history.

Some of our veterans are well-known heroes who've received wide-spread acclaim. Most are not. Most are just ordinary citizens who answered the call to duty when it came. They postponed their private lives, their peaceful pursuits of farm, factory, and office. They poured all their talents and energy into becoming soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines. Often, the call to duty led them to war's hardship, danger, and death.

Let us recall what MacArthur said about the American soldier: "His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me or from any other man. He has written his own history and written it in red on his enemy's breast."

The tradition of the World War Two veteran is the tradition of all American veterans. From Lexington and Concord, that tradition has sustained us in very battle and every war, right up through Operation Desert Storm. It has marched with us and stood vigil with us in the frozen camps of Valley Forge, the steaming jungles of the Pacific rim, the bloody beaches of Normandy, and the scorching sands of Saudi Arabia. In that tradition, young, inexperienced Americans become tough, experienced soldiers. They become veterans.

Our war veterans often have returned home to marching bands, colorful parades, and an admiring public. That was the case after the world wars, and it was surely the case after victory in the Persian Gulf. The nation lavished heartfelt thanks upon its returning veterans, both for their victory and their sacrifice.

Unfortunately, that hasn't always been the case. For those who fought in Korea or Vietnam, there were few bands and fewer parades. On returning home, veterans often faced indifference from their countrymen. Sometimes, they faced outright hostility. But their sacrifice and their suffering were no less than the sacrifice and suffering of any other veterans who fought for their country. We owe them all our gratitude.

For no matter where or when our veterans have served, they've always served with distinction. They knew they had to fight. They knew they had to sacrifice. They knew they had to win. And they did just that, time after time, battle after battle.

They also knew the loneliness of separation from family and friends, and the fear of dying in a foreign land, alone, far from home. In serving America, they sweated, the bled, and they agonized. They crawled through mud and rain, and often ate their food from a tin can or a plastic wrapper. They forged deep friendships and felt deep pain when their friends were killed or maimed in battle.

In honoring American veterans of World War Two, we honor all American veterans. For they were, and are, made of the same stuff; they were, and are, equally passionate in their patriotism and love of liberty.

Look around you. Who are the veterans of World War One? Who are the veterans of World War Two? Who are the veterans of Korea? Who are the veterans of Vietnam? Who are the veterans of the Persian Gulf? Perhaps you can tell the difference by the wrinkles on some faces and the smooth skin on others.

Perhaps you can tell the difference by the medals they wear. But you cannot tell the difference by their devotion to duty and their love of country. You cannot tell the difference, for there is no difference.

Look into their eyes. Whatever war they served in, you see a tear for fallen comrades, and you see hope for lasting peace. let us look into their eyes and let us say to our veterans, we are a grateful nation -- we remember.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The text of this commentary was taken from a speech provided by Department of the Army Public Affairs.

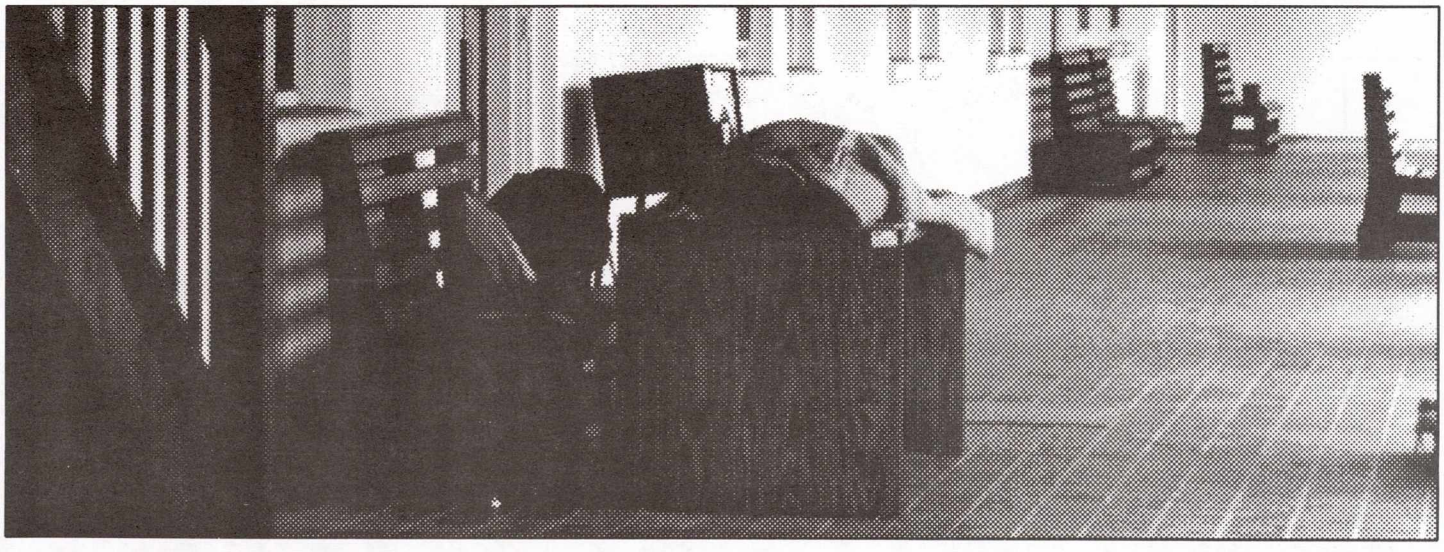

Photo by Sharon E. Everett-Roles

Lying down on the job?

One of the civilian furniture movers apparently had enough, so he curled up on a desk. Using a moving pad as a blanket, he was soon on the way to dreamland.

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Schulte speaks on opportunities and challenges of his new position, DCG-R

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
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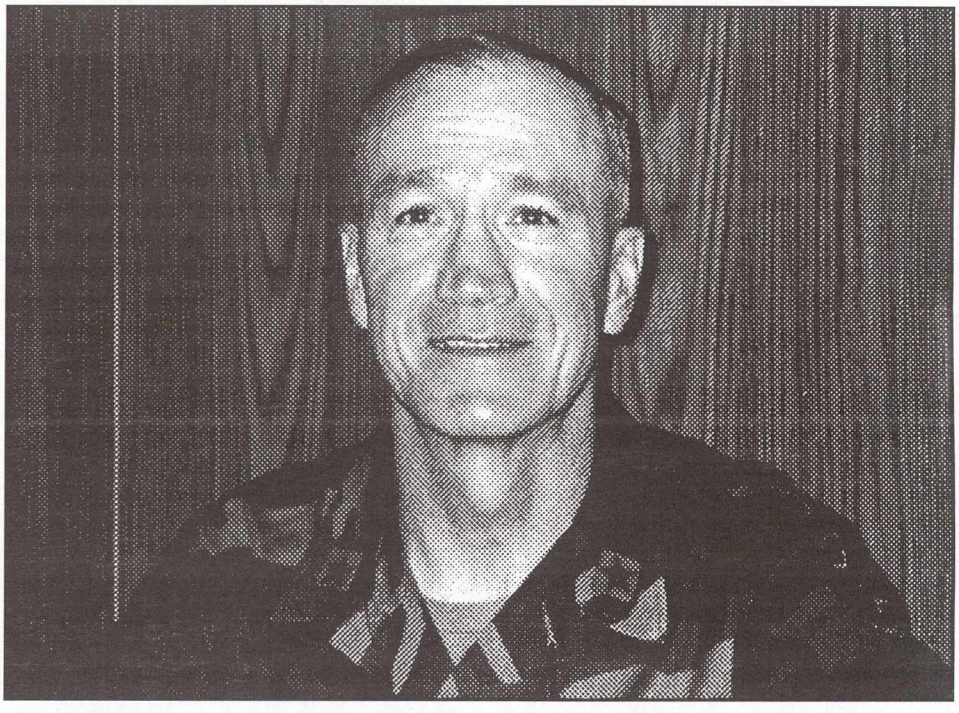

There's a new, smiling face in the Sixth U.S. Army Command Group. Brig. Gen. Robert E. Schulte, deputy commander for reserve components, visited the headquarters last week as part of a "get acquainted" tour of California's major National Guard and Army Reserve headquarters.

Schulte's goal as the deputy commander is to "work hard at making this a seamless Army. I want to be a player in helping to bring all of the components — active, Guard and Reserve — together. I believe in the one-Army concept," he emphasized.

"The thing about this job that excites me most," Schulte continued, "is the opportunity to work side by side with active duty and reserve component soldiers. I'm looking forward to visiting into other states, seeing how they train, and learning some new concepts. All of the components are training to Army standard. This is an exciting time."

Schulte is working closely with Col. Philip Stoneman (senior U.S. Army Reserve advisor) and Col. James M. Eyre (senior Army National Guard advisor) to schedule those visits.

"I'm ready to go out in the field, to see and participate in training," Schulte smiled.

Schulte said that his greatest challenge will be to learn and appreciate the Army Reserve structure and chain of command. This will be all new to the 6-foot-1-inch tall officer, who is familiar with both the active component and National Guard systems.

The North Dakota native said that his proudest accomplishment is still being able to serve his country in the uniform of the U.S. Army.

"I enjoy the military," he said. "Having a chance to still serve my country after 34 years is something I feel good about."

Schulte came into the Army in 1960 with an ROTC commission as a rotary wing aviator and transferred to the North Dakota National Guard three years later. It wasn't an easy decision to make, because Schulte gave up an opportunity to play professional baseball.

"My senior year, I was drafted by the Chicago White Sox," Schulte said. "I went to the professor of military science, Col. Ray, at my college and asked to be let out of my ROTC contract and finish out my last six months in the Guard. He advised me to go into active duty. This was at a time when I could have been drafted, and this way, I could go in as an officer."

Schulte shrugged his shoulders. "Who knows what would have happened if I'd chosen differently. It's just one of those things."

Schulte has continued his athletic endeavors, though. Back home in Mandan, N.D., he coaches fifth and sixth grade basketball. Schulte also plays slow-pitch softball and his team has won the state championship for three of the past six years.

Schulte offered up this advice to new soldiers: "There is no better time in history to become a soldier. The opportunities for advancement and education are outstanding. If you want to travel, take the opportunity to get an education and go to college; it's all here. We have top quality soldiers in the Army today."

As I see it

Give thanks for others

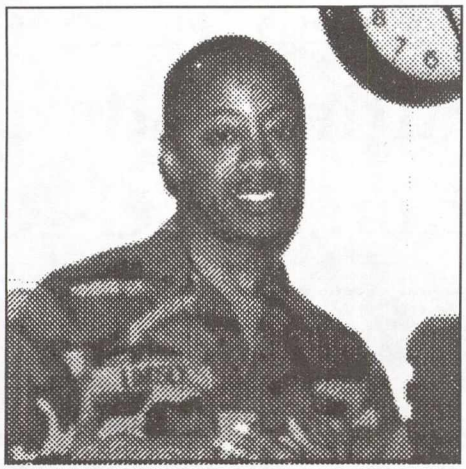

Photo by Carolyn Phillips

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

If you're like me, then Thanksgiving means having two extra days in your weekend. That's it.

If you only take two days in November to be thankful for the things in your life, then you've missed the boat.

In my opinion Thanksgiving has nothing to do with turkeys or Pilgrims. I've known a lot of turkeys and wished some of them *would* make a pilgrimage.

Rather, Thanksgiving comes to me in one form or another each day of the year.

A lot of times it comes in the form of a fellow Presidian and the kindness shown to another — in particular, the kindness shown to my family and me.

My wife Doreen died Oct. 17 after a hard-fought, 19-year battle with diabetes. Although it was not unexpected —she'd suffered a cardiac arrest, a cardiac episode and two amputations within the previous five months and lived in constant pain —she kept bouncing back. So why shouldn't she pull out another miracle? Well, this time the burden was too much to bear, and she admitted it to herself (and me) that weekend. The doctors were surprised it hadn't happened already. I took her to the hospital on a Sunday evening, and that Monday afternoon she was gone.

Throughout the latter stages of her illness, my wife received an abundance of love from the Presidio family.

And upon her death, you Presidians reminded me of something else I should be thankful for: L-O-V-E. Not just the love of a spouse, but also the love shown from one person to another.

I'm thankful for the neighbors who knocked on my door to see if I or my mother-in-law needed anything, who prepared dishes for us in the knowledge that cooking was the last thing on our minds. (We've got some good cooks on this post!) I'm thankful for the Bankses, the Williamses, the Morgans, the Rubies, the Tschidas and the Richardsons who knocked on our door to see if we needed anything. Actually, a lot of you saw to our comfort behind the scenes, but I only know who half of you were.

I'm thankful for my commanders who visited my wife whenever she was in the hospital. Often, I would walk into the room, and one of them would already be there.

And our chaplains were just awesome. There was a Presidio chaplain visiting her room nearly everyday of her numerous stays. Sixth U.S. Army Chaplain Col. Willie Peacock and Presidio Chaplain Lt. Col. Jerry Mize left an outstanding, indelible impression on my mother, father-in-law and mother-in-law. One could see the burdens lifted from her being whenever they'd pray with her.

As an aside, nurses at St. Mary's would joke that she had too many visitors. That's because some patients wouldn't have any visitors for a week — but someone from the Presidio was always stopping by to check on Doreen. I'm thankful for this.

I'm thankful for the (gulp!) eight years we've spent here. Our daughter Christina was just entering the fourth grade when we arrived. My wife got to see her get married —to a soldier, no less — and lived long enough to see, and spoil, two grandsons.

I'm thankful for Doreen's laughter, thankful for her jokes, thankful for her comfort and thankful for her anger — especially when it was focused on someone else. Her voice would rise into the hearing range of the rest of the animal kingdom, and that would crack me up (which would make her angrier, which was funnier).

Everything of hers that I touch brings back an immediate memory. I miss her every day, but I'm thankful for the time that we had together.

How can I be so lighthearted about all of this? Because I'm thankful for it. God has really blessed us during our stay here.

I've got many reasons to be thankful on this holiday, and they have nothing to do with Pilgrims and turkeys. I'm thankful that my wife got the chance to be a Presidian and meet people like you every day of the year.

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AAFES news

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Facility Closure

The Presidio of San Francisco Storage Facility will be permanently closed on Dec. 1 due to CALTRANS construction. All vehicles (boats, campers and vans) must be removed from the storage facility. Those vehicles remaining after Dec. 1 will be towed away and stored at the owner's expense. Department of the Army accepts no responsibility for those vehicles left after Dec. 1.

Only those service members living on the Presidio of San Francisco will be given an alternate area in which to store their vehicle on Presidio property. All others (including retirees and active duty personnel living at other Bay area military bases) will need to make alternate arrangements to store their vehicle outside of the Presidio. An alternative area for storage of recreational vehicles in the Bay area is the Oakland Army Base Recreational Storage Facility, **(510) 466-3470.10) 466-3470.** All service members living on the Presidio who want to move their vehicle to an alternate site need to contact Julio Sosa at **(415) 561-3629**.

Quarters name plates

Housing Self-Help has made up quarters name plates in plastic. All residents are encouraged to display a name plate on their quarters. The newer version is a bit wider (in terms of depth) than the cardboard ones, so occupants may need to use a screw driver to pry the aluminum sleeve out to permit the plastic strip to slide in. For new nameplates, contact Sgt. 1st Class Velez at Self-Help, **(415) 561-3664**.

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The following class will meet at the Presidio Education Center, 6 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays, from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 1995: HIST 102, Western Civilization II, which is a requirement for all of Columbia's bachelor's degrees and counts as humanities credit toward the associate degree. Soldiers who want to apply for tuition assistance must make an appointment by calling **(415) 561-3683**. No walk-ins can be accommodated on registration day.

Flu shots

Flu vaccines are available, while supplies last, to all civilian employees of the Presidio and to dependents of active duty service members. There is no charge. Hours of operation are 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m, Monday through Friday, at Letterman U.S. Army Health Clinic. Civilians and family members must read and sign a consent form prior to being vaccinated. Please call **(415) 561-3130** for further information.

Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree Program is taking flight on the Presidio. The Little Angels of the Military Members will be flying in the Main Post Chapel, Building 39, and the Main Post Exchange from Dec. 1 to 16. The blue and pink angels will have a code number to correspond with each child. Please return your wrapped gifts, with the angel tag attached, to the Main Post Chapel by Dec. 16.

Public comments sought

The U.S. Army is seeking public comments on a revised draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the environmental cleanup of the former Public Health Service Hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco. The comment period runs from now until Dec. 15.

A public meeting to discuss the plan and to obtain verbal comments will be held at 7 p.m., Dec. 1, at the Presidio Community Club. Written comments will also be accepted during the period.

The draft RAP was revised after taking into consideration comments received during a previous public comment period and public meeting, and after considering comments by the National Park Service and regulatory agencies. The revised draft RAP summarizes the cleanup alternatives for each site and includes further evaluation of alternatives for Landfill 8. The preferred alternative for Landfill 8 is now long-term monitoring, which is consistent with the future use of the site as planned by the National Park Service. The Park Service General Management Plan Amendment states the future use for Landfill 8 includes "preservation and revitalization of remnant natural systems, and cemetery commemoration."

A Record of Decision to implement a cleanup plan will be issued by the Army after considering public comments and after the revised draft RAP is approved by the regulatory agencies.

Written comments can be sent to Mr. David Wilkins, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, ATTN: AFZH-SF-BEC-PSF, Building 572, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., 94129.

The Revised Draft RAP can be reviewed at the Main Branch of the SF City and County Library, Science and Government Documents Branch, or at the Presidio BRAC Environmental Office, Building 572, Ruger Street, Presidio.

For information, contact Rena Davies, BRAC Environmental Office Public Affairs, at **(415) 561-3900**.

CLEP English with Essay

The CLEP English with Essay general exam will be given at 1 p.m., Jan. 10., in the Army Education Center, Building 682, free of charge. This examination is for soldiers attending or planning to attend colleges which require this test rather than the multiple choice CLEP English general exam. You must order your examination **in person by Dec. 6** at the Education Center. Call Jeane A. Redsecker at **561-3683**.

Commander's Thanksgiving Message

As we join our fellow Americans in giving thanks for all of the blessings we have as a nation and a people, let us also remember the sacrifices and service of generations of soldiers and their families. For more than two centuries, American men and women in uniform have given of themselves to provide security and peace for our nation. Members of today's Army Family are faithfully continuing that patriotic duty.

We Americans have enjoyed a way of life and freedoms that few others in the world have shared. These freedoms and privileges have been gained and preserved at a heavy cost. That cost has been borne by thousands upon thousands of American soldiers. The men and women in Sixth United States Army proudly continue that legacy of faithful duty and service.

As we gather on this Thanksgiving Day, counting our blessings and enjoying our freedoms, every American citizen should take the time to remember and appreciate the sacrifices of American soldiers, past and present, making this special day possible. We should take the time to remember those thousands of soldiers who cannot be with their families this Thanksgiving as they serve our nation far from home. Lastly, and most importantly, we should take the time to reflect and give thanks for being an American!

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Bleacher Brief

Swimming

Youth swim team shows off new colors

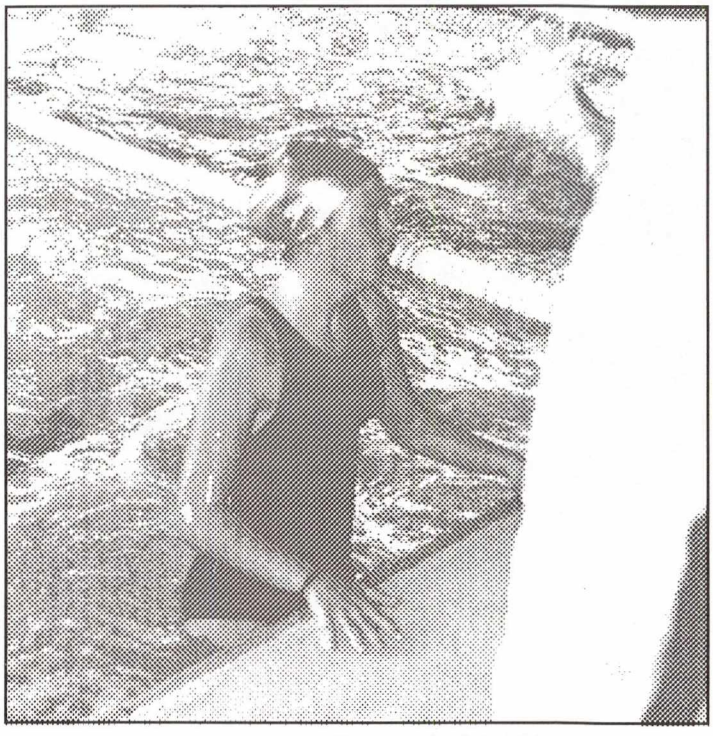

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Jessica Marek takes first place in the freestyle and is out of the water before her closest challenger touches the wall.

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Youth Swim Team showed off its new colors Saturday as it hosted a meet that featured young swimmers from three other youth centers in a meet in the Post Swimming Pool, Building 1151, here.

Jeremy Beecher, Paul Dixon and Jessica Marek each snared first place ribbons for the Presidio.

The meet featured 56 swim events in freestyle, back stroke, breast stroke, butterfly, and relays. The swimmers competed in five age categories, which included 6-year-olds, 7 and 8-year-olds, 9 and 10, 11 and 12, and 13-year-olds and older.

Besides the Presidio team, the 95 swimmers also represented the Jewish Community Center, Millberry Union from the University of California at San Francisco and the Young Mens' Christian Association.

The girls showed off their new purple-on-purple swimsuits, which were donated by the former Presidio Thrift Shop. The suits look like one solid color until they get wet, after which the light and dark pattern stands out. The Thrift Shop also furnished the swim team's banner which hangs from the balcony over the shallow end of the pool.

The boys will be receiving new trunks in a matching purple color to fill out the scheme.

Presidio swimmers took three 1st place ribbons, 11 2nd place, 17 third, eight 4th, nine 5th and five 6th place ribbons.

The JCC picked up 36 first place ribbons, UCSF won three and the YMCA grabbed 7.

All Presidio swimmers won ribbons, and most of the 28-swimmer team had at least two third place ribbons.

Post basketball league starts in January

The Presidio Sub-installation Basketball League will start play Jan. 9 in the Post Gymnasium, Building 63.

Games will be governed by the 1995 NCAA Basketball Rule Book.

Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members, 19 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco are eligible to participate. Other organizations/activities may participate upon written application to the Sports Director, Presidio Sub-installation. Organization/activities not supported by the Presidio Sub-installation will be required to pay an entry fee of $250 to defray costs for awards and officials. Entry fee will be paid to the Sub-installation Morale Welfare Support Fund no later than Jan. 4.

Full time DA civilian and nonappropriated fund employees and their family members aged 19 years and older of the Presidio military community are authorized to participate with military personnel. Team managers will be required to have their team roster in the Sports Office prior to their first game. Team roster will be limited to 15 to include players, coaches and the manager. Team rosters submitted will be frozen. Individuals will not be allowed to transfer to another team during the season or playoffs.

Teams desiring to enter the league after it has started will only be admitted if a team drops out, in which case the new team will pick up the schedule at the current date. All remaining games will be recorded as forfeitures and a team replacing one that drops out will not be eligible for the championship playoffs. Games will be for recreation purposes only.

With the following exception, 1995 NCAA rules will be used in league and tournament play.

Exception: Playing time will be two 15-minute halves with 5 minutes between halves. Clock will stop only for fouls and time outs, except during the last two minutes of each half, when a regulation clock will be used.

Jerseys will be issued to the team manager or coach prior to the game and must be returned immediately after the game.

The post champion and runner-up teams will receive team trophies and individual awards for each player. The league champion and runner-up team will receive team trophies only.

For more information about the league contact Bobbie H. Gascon at **561-5032** or **561-4120**.

MP named October soldier of month

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

One of the Presidio's MPs will have a nice Christmas present to take home to the folks this winter.

Pfc. Eric J. Gregson, a military policeman, was named the Presidio soldier of the month for October. It will be a nice honor to share with his parents during his Christmas vacation, especially considering he was reared as a military family member. His father served in the Air Force.

"I chose the Army because I had been around the Air Force as a kid, and I don't like water, so that kept me from joining the Navy. The Army offers better opportunities and education benefits," he said.

"He's a good troop," said his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class William Henning. "He was the first one to volunteer for this detail," Henning added, referring to the detail that included police officers from California and across the country who honored San Francisco police officer James Guelff. Guelff was mortally wounded in a shootout with a sniper Nov. 14 in San Francisco.

Gregson, from the small town of Elkton, Maryland said he joined the MP Corps to pursue a dream.

"I always wanted to be in law enforcement," the 19-year-old soldier said. "At my age the military is the only place for me to get good job experience. Eventually, I want to go back to Maryland to work for the Cecil County Sheriff's Department and afterward to work for the U.S. Marshal's office."

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

San Francisco Police Chief Anthony Ribera, a Vietnam veteran and former MP, congratulates Pfc. Eric J. Gregson, Friday, for winning the Presidio Soldier of the Month competition. Ribera was named MP of the Month when he was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

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Education Center offers tuition options for college-bound soldiers

By Jeane Redsecker
Education Center
Special to the *Star Presidian*

Soldiers who do not want to limit their college enrollment to the nine semester hours which can be funded by Army Tuition Assistance may want to consider using Veterans' Affairs (VA) benefits or applying for a Federal Pell Grant.

Soldiers may use VA benefits to attend courses while they are still on active duty, assuming they are eligible for benefits and have served on active duty for at least two years. All three VA programs -- Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30), VEAP (Chapter 32), and Old GI Bill (Chapter 34/converted to Chapter 30) -- can be used in service.

Payment rates depend on the number of credit hours taken. Under Chapter 30, a soldier enrolled half time will collect the amount of tuition and fees charged by the school, up to a maximum of $202.44 per month. Half time is usually six semester hours/two classes, if the term runs for a whole semester. In the case of Columbia College, which has eight-week terms, half time is three semester hours/one course. Soldiers who contributed to basic VEAP for at least 36 months would collect $112.50 per month for half time attendance. Old GI Bill eligibles would collect the amount of tuition and fees charged by the school, up to a maximum of $296.44 for half time attendance.

Another possible source of funding is Federal Student Aid. A single application, available at colleges as well as the Education Center, can be used by soldiers or family members to apply for Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Stafford Loans, Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS), Perkins Loans and Work-Study. After processing by the U.S. Department of Education, the applicant receives an index number which determines the amount of financial aid for which the student is eligible. Since these programs are based on financial need, the same index number could be worth different amounts at different schools, depending on the cost of attending the college.

Soldiers who would like to discuss funding for college are invited to make an appointment with the Presidio Education Center by calling **(415) 561-3683**.

MPs honor slain city police officer

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The post's military police took part in a somber observation Friday as they joined law enforcement officials from the Bay Area and around the country in honoring a slain fellow police officer in the Presidio Community Club.

San Francisco Police officer James Guelff was mortally wounded by a sniper during a shootout Nov. 13. He died Nov. 14. Guelff, who could have signed off from duty at the time, was the first officer to arrive on the scene.

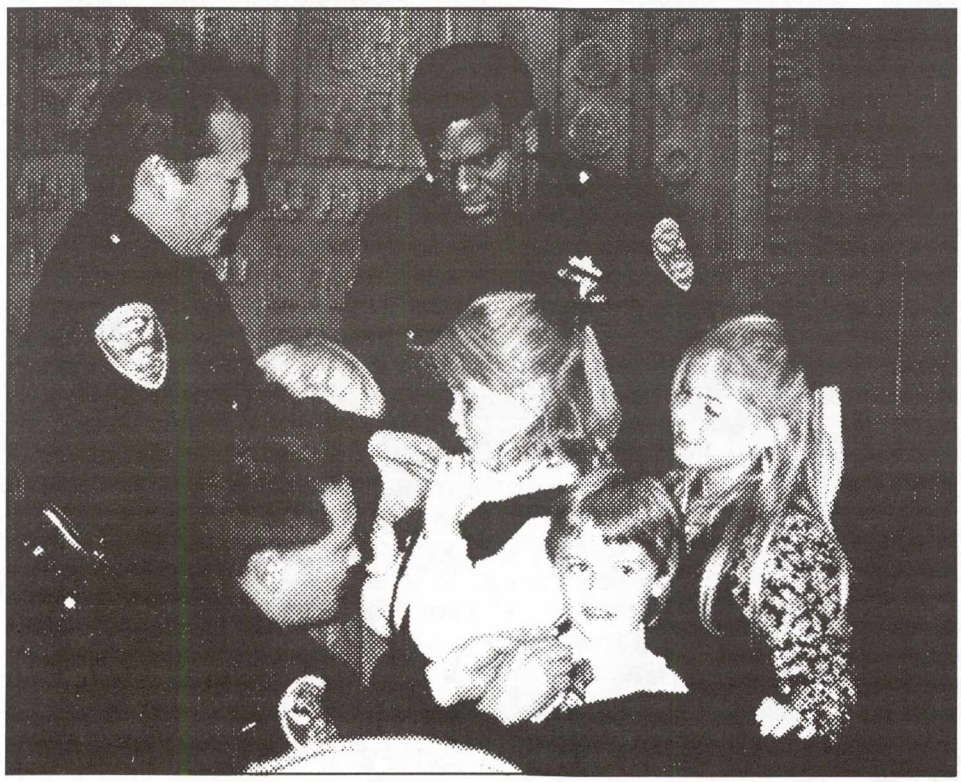


Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Officers Jay Dowke and Victor Tsang present pins to Laura and Landon Guelff. Officer Donnie Cartwright, rear, escorted the Guelff family.

Funeral services were held Friday in St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, and his burial was held at Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery in San Rafael, Calif. There were so many police officers in the procession that the head of the procession reached the cemetery before the tail had left the church.

After the burial service the procession returned to San Francisco for a reception in the post's Community Club.

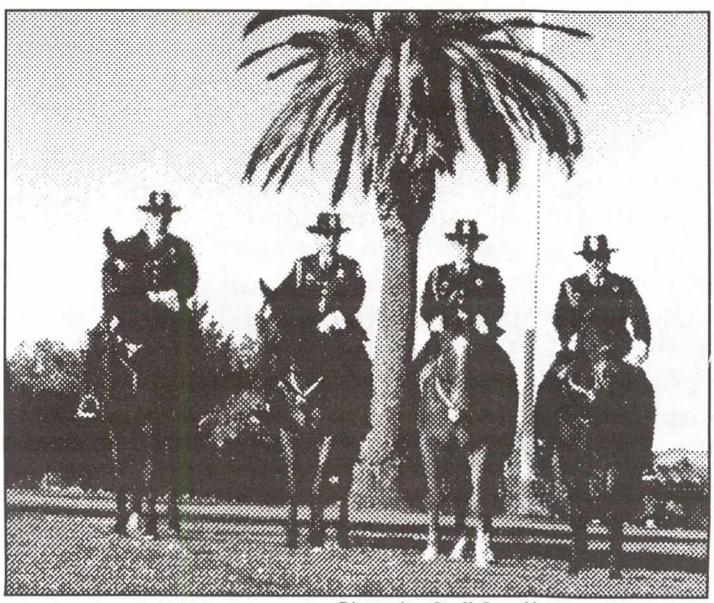
"Guelff was an excellent officer," Sgt. Kitt Crenshaw of the San Francisco Police Department said. "He worked out of the Northern Station, which includes the Presidio of San Francisco. He was very dedicated and always dependable — and he was a very friendly gentleman."

His partner, officer Donnie Cartwright said Guelff and he started out from the police academy together as rookies. His voice was tinged with anxious emotion as he spoke about his lost friend.

"He was a good person, a great friend and a great partner. We were partners for five years. He was at my wedding. He would do whatever for you," Cartwright said.

Guelff was appointed to the SFPD on his birthday, February 27, 1984 and was assigned to the old Northern Station on Ellis Street, served briefly at the Ingleside Station and returned to Northern Station the following year at its new location on Turk Street. Guelff was a recipient of the Bronze Medal of Valor and 40 Captain Complimentaries. He was selected for the elite SFPD Specialist Team in 1987.

Guelff is survived by an ex-wife, Diane, daughter Laura, 8, and son Landon, 6.



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U.S. Park Service mounted police attend the reception for Officer James Guelff on the Presidio.

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A graduate of Elkton High School, Gregson was active in sports including soccer and football, which he played "both ways," as they say in the sport. He was a wide receiver and a free safety.

"That's what they wanted me to do. I was scouted by some colleges, but the offers weren't adequate," he said.

However, Gregson indicated he intends to continue his education by pursuing a degree in criminal justice from the University of Maryland.

"The University of Maryland is a nice school and has a lot to offer," he said.

For now, Gregson will be setting his sights on more immediate goals. He will be competing for the title of Soldier of the Year and other MPs will be in that competition.

"I wasn't as nervous as I thought I'd be for this competition. The nerves hit afterward," he said.

Gregson will be taking his wife Alexis and their son, 6-month-old Eric Jr., home for the holidays. He first took his son home just after his birth in April so that his parents could see their grandson. Now he will have another present to give to the folks.

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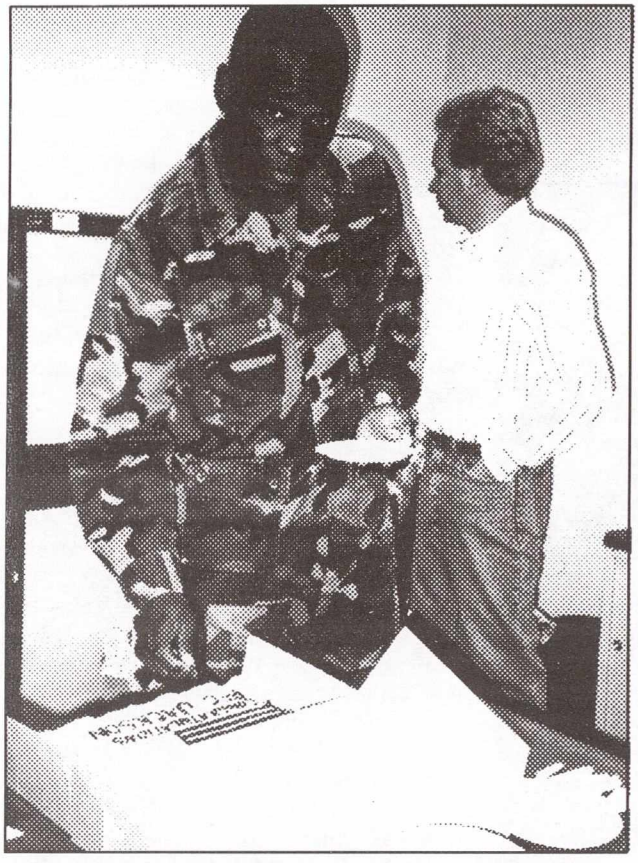

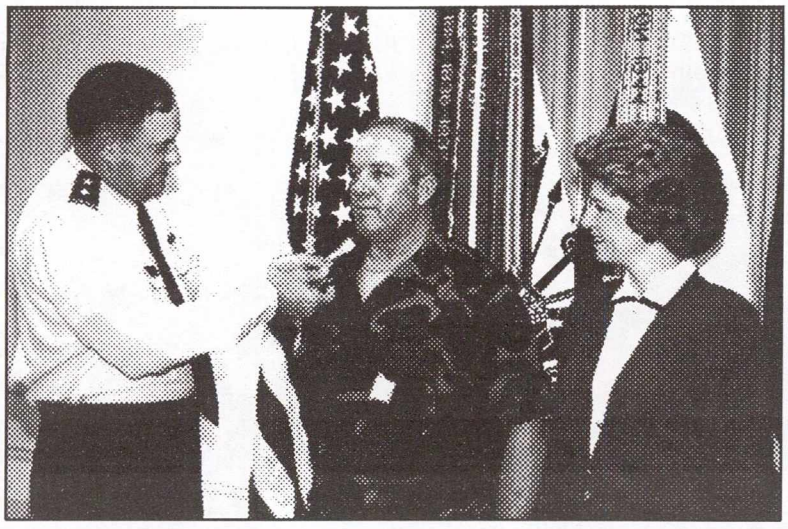

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Promotions

A couple of Presidians have something to be thankful for. Left, Harold Jackson from the Deputy Chief of Staff, Information Management office digs into a cake provided for his ceremony after he was promoted to private first class. Above, Orville Gannon Jr., bandmaster, Sixth U.S. Army Band has his chief warrant officer 4 rank pinned onto by Maj. Gen. Robert S. Frix, deputy commander, Sixth U.S. Army, as Gannon's wife Barbara joins the proceedings.

Boy Scout Troop 77 goes pioneering

The Presidio's Boy Scout Troop 77 recently completed a three-day campout at Ranch Los Mochos, near Livermore, Calif. The focus of the campout was building pioneering projects as part of the Pioneering merit badge. The scouts built three projects: the Gilwell drawbridge, a suspension bridge, and the short tower at left. It took a little more than five hours to complete the projects. Nineteen scouts participated in the campout. Pictured at left are members of the Thunderbolt Patrol: Chris Olson, Sam Love, Scott Walsh and Robert Lewis. (Photo by Lt. Col. Wayne Agness)

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

George K. Provoo narrates N.H.Long's "T'was the Night Before Christmas" during the Sixth U.S. Army Christmas Concert at the Palace of Fine Arts. The concert was held Dec. 6.

Park prospectus released

Post bowling alley may be reopened

"The National Park Service (NPS) has released a Prospectus For A Concession Contract to Manage and Operate the Presidio Bowling Center," National Park Service General Manager Robert Chandler announced recently. "We look forward to the selection of an operator and the re-opening of the Presidio Bowling Center as early as this coming Spring," he added.

This Prospectus seeks an organization to manage and operate the Presidio Bowling Center as a public facility within the Presidio of San Francisco. The Prospectus outlines the procedure by which the NPS will seek a concessioner to manage the Center. Some of the program goals for the Center identified by the National Park Service include:

* Providing high quality bowling opportunities with service to professional, amateur and casual bowlers.

* Establishing programs at the Center incorporating community involvement and providing services for those groups and individuals interested in learning and participating in the sport of bowling.

* Ensuring that the bowling services reach the ethnic and economic diversity of the community.

The bowling center, which transferred to the National park Service on Oct. 1, is centrally located at the Main Post of the Presidio. Built in 1989 specifically as a bowling and food service facility, the center is in good condition. The facility, which includes approximately 12,800 square feet of building space, is equipped with a full compliment of bowling and food service equipment. The new operator selected by the National Park Service will be able to begin operations shortly after the selection process is complete.

The National Park Service welcomes offers to operate and manage the Presidio Bowling Center from individuals, organizations, and joint ventures. The Park Service has a policy of encouraging historically disadvantaged businesses to compete for business opportunities and strongly encourages minority and women-owned businesses to respond.

For those interested in this business opportunity, the National Park Service will hold site visits during the announcement period. Please call Rich Hentschel at **(415)**

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Stalking for Christmas gifts

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

This is it. The holiday shopping season is upon us, with all of its attendant stresses, strains and annoyances -- all before you even find a parking spot at the mall!

Yes, the parking lot is the first part of the oh-so-delightful shopping experience, don't you agree? Circling the lot for so long that you'd swear your clothes were going out of style, finally, you spot a shopper, laden with packages and begin inching along behind them in a style reminiscent of that shark in "Jaws." You can almost hear the music . . . DUNT duh DUNT duh DUNT duh . . . as you wait to pounce on their soon-to-be vacated parking space.

After hiking the several miles from the back of the parking lot to the mall, you find yourself in a crowd so dense that you'd think Mick Jagger was signing autographs somewhere. No such luck—it's just the other revellers in the shopping extravaganza.

You consult your list. A sweater for Aunt Mary. No problem. You work your way through the group and manage to slip into a favorite boutique. And there it is. The sweater of your dreams. It is the only one of its kind on the rack. You move toward it just as another shopper begins to converge on the same item. You size up the competition, which appears fairly fierce. You flex your biceps and growl—just a little. And decide that maybe it's not worth brawling over knitwear after all.

Having decided that your kids are finally old enough and responsible enough to have a pet, you decide to stop by the SPCA adoption center at the mall and look at the adorable kitties. A cat is a perfect pet, you think — independent, fairly low maintenance. A beautiful, blue-eyed Siamese kitten peers at you through the cage and yowls plaintively. You stick your finger through the bars to tickle the delightful creature — and it sinks its fangs deep into your digit. You yowl plaintively. The adoption volunteer comes over to see if you wouldn't like to take Killer Kitty home with you today. He provides you with a bandaid and you move along.

Although your budget doesn't permit an actual purchase, you look at the diamonds in the window at the jewelry store. If you could only afford that big one in the back, you would never have problems with your mother-in-law again. Oh well. Back to the drawing board.

And so it goes as you wend your way from shop to shop. Slowly but surely you check off the items on your list. Shopping bags dangling, you shuffle exhaustedly back through the parking lot to your car. You think maybe a Sherpa guide is in order—at least your bags would be carried for you. And then you hear the music . . . DUNT duh DUNT duh DUNT duh . . . as another car follows you through the lot and it all begins again.

Family support group meets

The Presidio Family Support Group will hold their monthly coffee at 7 p.m. Monday, at the Community Activities Center. The purpose of this group is to provide information, friendship and fun to spouses of all ranks and branches of military or civilian service. The Presidio Family Support Group also ensures the smooth access to needed information in peace time and in times of crisis. Keep up with current happenings on the Presidio by being a regular part of our group. If you are a military spouse living on the Presidio of San Francisco, please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

DCSPER soldiers start toy drive

Corporals Jodie Chapman and Charles Green are organizing a toy drive to augment a similar drive being conducted in San Francisco. If you or your family members have any toys to donate you may contact Chapman at 561-2117 or Green at 561-2118.

Your help may be the spark to light some young child's Christmas cheer.

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Exploratorium news

The Exploratorium, San Francisco's popular museum of science, art, and human perception, will be open DAILY throughout the holiday break from Dec. 13 to Jan. 2, 1995, with the exception of Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Please note that on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, the Exploratorium will close early at 3 p.m. and remain closed on Christmas Day. Otherwise, the Exploratorium will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. DAILY (including New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1995). On Wednesdays, the Exploratorium will be open until 9:30 p.m.

Columbia College

Soldiers and family members planning to attend Columbia College during the Jan. - Mar. 1995 eight-week term may register at the Education Center, Building 682, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 12. Presidians who wish to register after that date will have to do so at Treasure Island.

The following class will meet at the Presidio Education Center, 6 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays, from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 1995: HIST 102, Western Civilization II, which is a requirement for all of Columbia's bachelor's degrees and counts as humanities credit toward the associate degree. Soldiers who want to apply for tuition assistance must make an appointment by calling **(415) 561-3683**. No walk-ins can be accommodated on registration day.

Direct deposit sure and travel pay

Attention, soldiers and civilians! Did you know you can now have your travel pay deposited directly into your personal checking account? Direct deposit cuts out seven or more days' mailing time from submission of your settlement voucher to payment receipt by depositing your money directly into your account. Direct deposit puts funds in your account within two working days after the voucher is processed. For information, please contact the Travel Division at DSN **699-6924** or commercial **(317) 543-6924**.

Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree Program is taking flight on the Presidio. The Little Angels of the Military Members will be flying in the Main Post Chapel, Building 39, and the Main Post Exchange from Dec. 1 to 16. The blue and pink angels will have a code number to correspond with each child. Please return your wrapped gifts, with the angel tag attached, to the Main Post Chapel by Dec. 16.

Tuition news

The state of California recently passed a law which allows active duty military personnel to attend California Community Colleges at resident rates until January 2000. Before this was enacted, soldiers were subject to non-resident tuition after one year in California. (Basically, proof that you are a registered voter or that you pay taxes in this state may be necessary to prove residency.)

Not included under the new law are any military who are assigned here for educational purposes. The law does not address family members of military personnel. For information about community college locations and programs, contact Jeane Redsecker at the Presidio Education Center, Building 682, **(415) 561-3683**.

Lifesaving gift

Instead of buying that same sweater or tie to give this holiday season, why not give something that could make a difference, maybe even save a life?

The American Red Cross Bay Area is offering first aid kits for your home, car or backpack. Or how about a Red Cross gift certificate as a stocking stuffer? Certificates, which can be purchased in any amount, are redeemable for any of the first aid classes offered by the Red Cross, including CPR, disaster training, even lessons on how to baby sit.

Another gift option is making a tax deduction in somebody's name.

The Bay Area Red Cross's holiday gifts can be purchased at the chapter nearest you or over the phone with your credit card.

There's no better way to celebrate the season than with the gift of life.

The Red Cross is a non-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

PSF Housing Survey

The housing office will conduct a door-to-door survey of family housing units inside the Sixth U.S. Army footprint from now until Dec. 16. The purpose of the inventory is to determine future maintenance and repair projects and validate the serial number of appliances. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes. We request your full cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Housing Office at **(415) 561-3631**.

Youth Center news

The Youth Activities Center, Building 563, will open early, 1 to 6 p.m., Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 for the school Christmas holidays. The Center will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 1995. For information, contact Marie Fernandez, Center Manager, at **(415) 561-3696**.

Holiday cookie drive

The Presidio Family Support Group will be gathering and wrapping cookies at their coffee Monday night. This is a very worthwhile community project and always a lot of fun. Anyone interested in helping out may bring three dozen homemade cookies to the Community Activities Center at 7 p.m. Please do not make any gooey cookies or cookies with nuts in them. Other than that, be creative! Wrapping will be provided. If you would like to join us in our visit to the VA Hospital Dec. 14, please contact Vickie Crider at Army Community Services, **(415) 561-3615**.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Mize presents a designated offering check of $1,010 for the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, which was accepted by Mark Gumbiner. The offering was donated by members of the Presidio of San Francisco Post Chapel community and presented on Dec. 2.

MP named NCO of quarter, prepares for next assignment

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Sgt. Kevin E. Fairchild bested three competitors to be selected the top NCO of the third quarter here at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Fairchild is a military policeman who currently serves as the driver for Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., commander, Sixth U.S. Army. He will be leaving for a new assignment at Fort Hood, Texas, at the end of January, right after the NCO of the Year competition.

"My mom said that if I can't come back to accept the award for winning the next board, she'd come down from Seattle and accept for me," Fairchild said with a chuckle. He said the board was typical of other boards that he has faced, although he was "taken back a little" by the written portion. Yet, in the end, it was Fairchild who stood out above the competition.

Fairchild came to the Presidio in 1990, did a short tour in Turkey and returned to the Presidio in 1992.

"It was nice to see sites of the ancient world," he said. "I wouldn't mind going back there for a visit."

The single soldier had also laughed when an Army recruiter tried to talk him into signing up right after high school. Fairchild said he laughed and told the recruiter to call him back in one year. Lo and behold, the recruiter did just that.

Fairchild said he chose the MP Corps because he felt that it was an occupation that could easily provide experience for civilian employment. Interestingly, he did not take his other choice, one that he said may have been more suited to his style. Fairchild said that he's a decent baker.

"I have a passion for baking," Fairchild said. "My specialty is pies, but I also bake cakes, cookies and other things." He said that he gets to bake a lot for other people during the holidays.

The Seattle native could have chosen to follow a career in football, but one hit too many convinced him that there were other interesting challenges in life to consider.

Fairchild attend Shoreline and Sherwood high schools in the Seattle area, where he played football and pole vaulted. His foot-

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Bleacher Brief

Post Gym cranks up holiday tournaments

By Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Sub-installation Sports Branch is hosting two Christmas tournaments during the holidays in the Post Gymnasium, Building 63.

The basketball and racquetball tournaments will feature trophies for the winning teams or individuals.

The Racquetball Tournament will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., Dec. 20 to 22, at no cost to the participants. The tournament will be singles only, double elimination.

Trophies will be presented to the top three finishers. Competitors will be responsible for calling their own matches. The Sports Branch will provide a referee for the championship game only. Matches will be won after a competitor has scored 21 points, two out of three times. Those in the loser's bracket will compete in one game before being eliminated.

The entry deadline is 1:30 p.m., Dec. 19, in the gym, at which time the organizational meeting and seeded drawing will be held.

The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will also be held from 1 to 5 p.m., Dec. 20 to 22, in the gym at no cost to the participants. Each team will be allowed a maximum of four players. All players must be members of the Presidio Sub-installation military community. Family members who play must be 19 years of age or older.

Games will follow the Sports Branch's 3-on-3 rules. The double-elimination tournament will feature officials for the championship game only, so players will have to call their own games during the elimination rounds.

The tourney's organizational meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 19 in the gym. This will also be the entry deadline.

After Christmas the Sports Branch will manage a 5-person basketball league beginning Jan. 9, and a 3-on-3 basketball league that will begin Jan. 10. The organizational meeting for 3-on-3 basketball will be at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 4, and the meeting for 5-man teams is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 5 in the gym.

The entry deadline for both leagues is Jan. 4.

All playing members must be 30 years of age or older.

For more information, contact the Sub-installation Sports Branch at 561-5032 or 561-4120.

Golfers show skills on PAGC course

Bob Darling
Sub-installation Sports Branch

The Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament was held Nov. 23, and a good time was had by all — spoken like a person who has never played golf.

Actually, there were plenty of golfers on the Presidio Athletic Golf Course's greens swinging for the pins. Some of them did pretty well. Awards were given to 14 golfers in eight categories. Listed below are the first- and second-place golfers in the three competitive divisions.

Open Division

Low gross

1. Jeff Freeman, 80; 2. Mark Crenshaw, 89.

Low net (handicap)

1. Jim Plyman, 69; 2. Ian Mann, 78.

Calloway Division

Low gross

1. Rob Dull, 84; 2. Dan Rung, 89.

Low net

1. Ron Day, 73; 2. Tom Purcell, 74.

Senior Division

Low gross

1. Al Tui, 71; 2. Terry Ellingson, 79.

Low net

1. Sean Karamath, 63; 2. Otto Copeland, 70.

Longest Drive — Sean Karamath.

Longest putt

1. Fred Shaw, 13-feet-8-inches; 2. Frederick Sanders, 10-feet-7-inches.

GMAT test given

The Graduate Management Admission Test will be given at 7:30 a.m., Jan. 23, at the Army Education Center, Building 682.

This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school in business. There is no fee for initial testing, but you **must order your examination in person by Dec. 16.**

For more information, call the education counselor at **561-3683**.

Post Gym Holiday operation schedule

The Sports Branch will be operational during the holidays with the following schedule.

The gym and swimming pool closed Christmas day; The gym will reopen from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 26, and the swimming pool will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Dec 26.

The gym and swimming pool will also be closed on New Year's Day. The gym will reopen the next day, with the gym in operation from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the next day and the swimming pool from noon to 4 p.m.

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ball career seemed suited for a player who liked making the big hits.

"I was a 150-pound linebacker, a blocking back in a three-back offense, and I was the suicide man on special teams. I was glad when football was over because it hurt too much," he said. A head injury he suffered in his senior year, coupled with his size, persuaded Fairchild that a football career was not for him.

Fairchild is also an avid cyclist and said he'd like to get back into the hobby.

"I used to pedal the 200 miles from Seattle to Portland ride, and I've done rides from Seattle to Canada," he said. His cycling interest peaked after he watched his father training for a fund raising crosscountry bike tour. Fairchild started training with his father, got hooked and bought an expensive bike of his own. His been an avid cyclist ever since.

Soon, this outstanding NCO will be taking his talents to benefit another command somewhere else. He said he is anxious for the opportunity to return to a leadership role.

"I'm looking forward to going to Fort Hood, being in charge of soldiers again and getting used to the First Cavalry way of life," he said.

Yacht Club serves all military

By Dixie L. Porter
Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office

It's quiz time!! How many of you know that the Presidio has a connection to the Navy (sort of) ? How many of you know what and where it is? How many know it's one of the last things you see going out of the Golden Gate and one of the first things you see coming in to the Bay? How many know that you don't have to be in the Army to join it? OK, now that we've told ourselves what the answers are, maybe we should let everyone else in on this little known secret.

The Presidio has a Yacht Club!! Hooray for all those who knew that, and now we all do. It is located at East Fort Baker on what is known as Horseshoe Cove. It's right behind the Discovery Museum and just down the beach a ways from the Coast Guard Station. Okay, that takes care of the first four questions. Now on to the "who can and who can't" question.

No, you don't necessarily have to be in the Army to join. Doesn't matter if you are Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine or Coast Guard. **All** active duty military, retired military, and reserve component personnel are eligible to join, as are **all** federal employees. There are other categories of personnel who are welcome and encouraged to join, such as Medal of Honor recipients and/or their spouses and former POW's. You can contact the club manager for exact details.

So how come the Army has a Yacht Club, you ask? The PSF Yacht Club was started in 1959 by active duty people for active duty people as a power boat club. Before the Golden Gate Bridge was built in 1938, there was a military ferry system in place to take personnel from Forts Baker, Berry and Cronkhite to the "Mainland" or the Presidio when necessary, although most necessities could be obtained from that side of the Bay. Before World War II the Army used Horseshoe Cove for a supply depot and munitions storage.

During the early '70's and the energy crunch when fuel was short, the club converted to sail, although they still have some power boats. They also have organized power and sailboat events as well as organized sailboat races. The Race Chairman

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Gulf War illnesses remain prevalent

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

Since a special hot line for Persian Gulf veterans opened June 23, about 100 veterans a day have been calling, said Dr. Sue Bailey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical services.

During a Sept. 29 hearing before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee, Bailey said most Persian Gulf veterans who have sought medical care from DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs have been treated for diagnosable illnesses expected in such a large population of adults.

"However," Bailey added, "some service members have reported diverse symptoms which do not readily fit into a common, recognizable diagnosis. The most frequently reported unexplained symptoms include fatigue, skin rash, muscle and joint pain, headache, neuropsychological complaints, gastrointestinal difficulties and respiratory problems.

"Additionally, some veterans have reported illnesses in their spouses and in children conceived after the conflict, symptoms which they feel may be related to their Persian Gulf service."

Bailey promised DoD is committed to finding an answer to these unexplained illnesses. Among DoD's assessment efforts on the illnesses was the Defense Science Board Task Force on Persian Gulf War Health Effects. The task force, headed by Nobel laureate Dr. Joshua Lederberg, found no scientific or medical evidence that Iraq launched either chemical or biological attacks against U.S. and allied troops, said Bailey. In addition, the task force said there is no evidence there were any exposures of U.S. service members to chemical or biological agents in Kuwait or Saudi Arabia.

On May 11, Dr. Stephen C. Joseph, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, announced a three-point plan to address gulf illnesses. The plan included:

* A comprehensive clinical diagnostic examination for gulf veterans,

* A review of DoD research and clinical efforts by an independent expert, and

* Creation of a forum of medical and public health experts to review and consult on the issue.

DoD initiated the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program on June 7. DoD officials urged sick gulf veterans to come forward. To quell fears of possible career reprisals, they put a hold on involuntary separations of anyone who feels he or she has a gulf-related illness that has no known diagnosis. To provide easy access, DoD set up a hot line (**1-800-796-9699**) for veterans to call to register in the evaluation program or get more information about it.

Bailey said individuals registering with the hot line are contacted within about two weeks of their call by the closest military medical treatment facility to schedule an appointment to begin the screening process. As of Sept. 29, Bailey said, more than 6,000 veterans had enrolled in the program.

"To date fewer than 10 percent of those who contacted the evaluation program have been diagnosed and treated," said Bailey. "But the number is growing, and treatment is improving as military doctors learn more about the illnesses."

A consultation group of experts in internal medicine, infectious diseases, allergy/immunology and other appropriate specialties will assist DoD in reviewing and interpreting clinical findings on veterans in the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program. The committee will meet four times in 1994 and 1995 and provide reports on each meeting, said Bailey. The group will begin by studying veterans who proceeded through a complete evaluation without receiving a definite diagnosis.

Bailey said over 30 research projects, clinical evaluations and assessment programs are either planned or under way. Studies include personal interviews and physiologic testing of 2,250 gulf veteran Seabees, analysis of 1.2 million service members' hospitalization records and reviews of pregnancy outcome of gulf veterans and their spouses.

Other studies will compare the health of Persian Gulf veterans with service members and former service members who served during the same time but did not deploy to the Persian Gulf.

"The department is firmly committed to providing the best care possible for its beneficiaries and to finding an answer to this problem," Bailey said. "We must plan for the future. Every man and woman who serves their country is entitled to access the very finest health care we can offer."

Yachts: sailing classes available

decides on the course within the Bay roughly one hour ahead of time. Part of the race is charting the course and plotting strategy. Wind and tide factors all play a part in a successful race. The average time is approximately two to three hours.

But I don't have a boat, motor or sail ,and I don't know anything about sailing, you say. Why should I join the Yacht Club or even bother to go over there, you might ask? First of all, you don't have to have a boat or know how to sail. All you have to have is an interest in sailing or even just in learning more about the Marine environment of the Bay Area, or even just in knowing people who are interested in those areas. Young and old, single or married, families with children, all are welcome. According to Mr. Mike Nelson, club manager, "Children are a joy to have in a Marine environment. They can learn about boats, ropes and responsibility. Seals, pelicans, crabs, starfish and sea anemones are all part of the fascination of the club for the younger members."

The Yacht Club has lessons starting in May each year which go through the end of October. These go from basic sailing lessons for complete land lubbers who have never been on a boat before, up to qualifying check rides for experienced sailors. Children can be involved in learning to sail. The basic course starts out in a 20-foot boat called a "CAL 20" and takes two weekends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday to complete. That qualifies you to take a checkout ride with an instructor to ensure you can handle the CAL 20. Then you take a separate ride and are then qualified to rent a CAL 20.

If you have had previous experience, you can take a check ride for larger boats up to 30 feet.

Lessons are given each weekend by experienced volunteer instructors (club members), male and female, who range from mid-20's to the 70's. This insures you have a wide selection to choose from for a personnel instructor. These include two Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans of three wars—WW-II, Korea and Vietnam. Some came in the military in 1932 or 33. There are former Navy, Coast Guard, Army and Air Force. All instructors are experienced, licensed sailors with many hours of practice before they are allowed to teach someone else. If you don't want to learn this much, you can rent a boat with a skipper for the day. This way, if you don't own a boat or want to take lessons, you and your friends can still enjoy a day on the Bay at a reasonable price.

The club has two power boats for rent, one for salt water and one for fresh water. They have a 17-foot Boston Whaler with an 80 horsepower outboard motor. They have six sailboats that can be rented, three CAL-20s, a Columbia 26-footer, Newport 30-footer and a Catalina 30-footer as well as rowboats/sailing boats which can be checked out for the kids.

(The numerals in each name indicate the boat's length—editorial staff.)

The current club building has a full kitchen with a dining room that seats 85 downstairs, a 2000-square feet deck on the water that overlooks the Golden Gate Bridge, has one large BBQ and several portable BBQs. With a phone call ahead, these can be reserved for use by members. Upstairs, there is a Members Lounge (guests are welcome). Children are allowed. Bar and grill are open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

They serve full breakfasts all day, (omlettes, ham, pancakes) with hot and cold sandwiches, french fries, beer, soft drinks, wine, snacks and a special of the day available most of the day.

The club has a workday the second Saturday of each month where volunteer expertise and experience save the club much money by handling jobs that would be very expensive to hire out. For example, they were able to save approximately $20,000, because one of the members is an electrical contractor and was able to do or supervise the electrical work that needed to be done. According to Nelson, the volunteer spirit of the club is one of the great things about it. The vast majority of the work is done by members. They come in and sign up for tasks ranging from sweeping, plumbing, washing, cleaning, weeding, painting, scraping paint, wiring, cleaning grounds, boats, or BBQ's. What ever needs to be done, they do. With all the experience available, as many and varied are the tasks that get done as are the stories that abound during work sessions or anytime a couple of members get together to visit.

In the evening of the first Friday of the month, they have a light meal with a special speaker on a nautical theme of some sort. The theme might be sailmaking, tying knots, films/slides from a member's trip, an information session on the Bay itself or other items of interest. Last week, the first Lady Bar Pilot in the San Francisco Bay history was the guest speaker. There will be many more interesting speakers scheduled to speak on future first Fridays. Now that the rains have come and dampened the grasses and brushes, weather permiting, they are going to have "spur of the moment, short notice due to weather and tides" beach camp fire events. The lounge will be open, so bring your own hot dogs and marshmallows. There will be usually be a two- or three-day notice on these events.

The club may be reserved and used for official functions by groups such as ROTC and Recruiting to show prospective military members some of the advantages to becoming part of the armed forces. Again, this is not limited to just the Army; all services are welcome. Active duty members always have priority over any other group, but there is rarely any conflict between the types of memberships.

The club is governed by an elected body consisting of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore and a seven-member advisory council. There are various committees to which members can aspire to be posted, some of which include race, cruising, budget, and harbor master, to name a few.

There are 75 berths or slips which can be rented by members to keep their boats docked monthly. There are guest docks which can be used by anyone on a boat. The club has reciprocal agreements with local yacht clubs which allow military members to stop and temporarily tie up at their docks. There are approximately 20 yachts that come through from the north on their way to Mexico and the Caribbean each year. They stop and visit the city, perform needed maintenance and go on their way. They sometimes stop on the way back up in the spring. There has never been a boat sunk at the club docks, and they have never lost a rental boat.

The Yacht Club is considering having a mural/picture painted on the side of the building adjacent to the club facing the harbor and asking for suggestions from the children for subjects and putting the child's name on the portion they designed. Families with children are encouraged to join. Children can learn to sail and learn many useful things as well as haveing a good time..

There is someone on the premises from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Further information on programs, club membership or future events can be obtained by calling Mike Nelson at **332-2319**.

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Even the rain couldn't stop the Sixth U.S. Army Band from performing during the Argonne Elementary School's 75th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony Nov. 5 in San Francisco. Argonne was first dedicated in 1919 to Cpl. Chauncey Renaldo Frank, a 91st Division soldier stationed on the Presidio who fought and lost his life at the Battle of Argonne, France, in 1918. He is now at rest on post in the San Francisco National Cemetery.

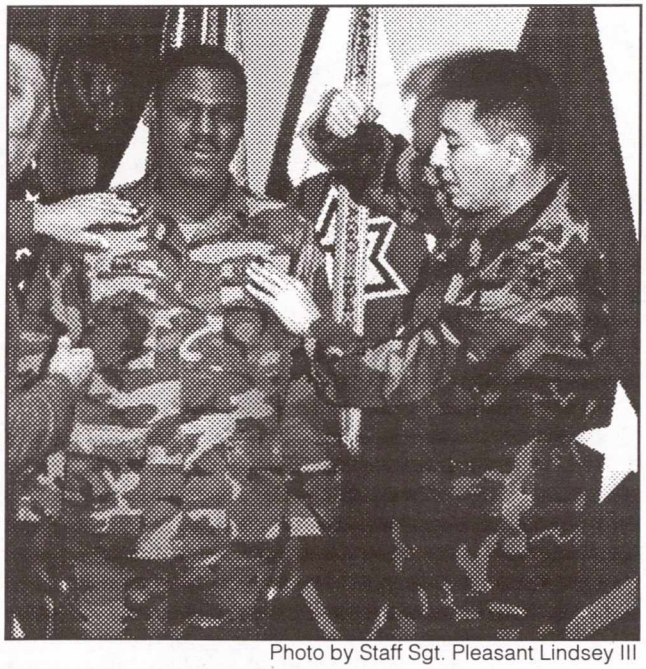

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III

Donald L. Banks gets his master sergeant's stripes hammered on Nov. 28 in the Sixth U.S. Army Command Conference Room by Steven C. Fredericks and 1st Sgt. Richard L. Griego

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556-1388 to make arrangements. No drop-in visits will be permitted.

All offers and any modifications to them must be received by the Park Service no later than Feb. 21, 1995, at 4 p.m., addressed to the National Park Service, Division of Concession Program Management, Western Region, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107-1372.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Prospectus, which contains a description of the facility, the business opportunity, and an application, please call **(415) 744-3981** or send your name and address to:

National Park Service
ATTN: Bowling Center Prospectus
Division of Concession Program Management
Western Region
600 Harrison Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94107-1372

Any questions about this Prospectus, including scheduling a site visit, may be directed to Rich Hentschel at **(415) 556-1388**.

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So that's how it works!

Spc. Maggie Primeaux (standing, back), Pfc. Eric Gregson (right) and Pfc. Michael Barbieri (left) perform maintenance on the M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer used at Pershing Square each day to fire the flag salutes. The three recently attended a six-hour class, taught by Staff Sgt. James Sinclair, on the maintenance of the cannon. The cannon was manufactured in 1943; the two maintenance manuals used by the MPs were printed in November 1948 and December 1953. (Photo by Staff Sgt. James Sinclair)

Emergency work order policy announced

Due to severe funding constraints, only emergency service requests will be responded to by the Navy Public Works. The location or type of problem will also determine who you call. If the problem involves the *inside* of the quarters, you call the Navy Public Works (NPW) at **556-3643**. If the problem is *outside* the quarters, call the National Park Service (NPS) at **556-1802**.

The definition of an *emergency service order* depends on the problem, how severe it is, and whether a "temporary" fix by the occupant can isolate the problem. A few examples of what does and does not constitute an emergency are listed below.

-- No heat constitutes an emergency.

-- A broken window is not an emergency, unless the quarters cannot be secured.

-- A leaking roof will not be viewed as an emergency unless the leak affects electrical wiring and/or causes flooding. A water leak from plumbing on the second floor which cannot be stopped will constitute an emergency.

-- An inoperable garbage disposal or a leaky faucet is not an emergency. On the other hand, a backed up commode is an emergency if the home has only one commode. Other commode problems will be responded to the next working day.

-- A sewage surface flood outside the quarters or on the road is an emergency and will be responded to immediately by NPS.

Because we share the Presidio with the NPS, either the NPS or Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) will respond to certain situations; a few examples are described below. The thing to remember is that NPW takes care of the inside and NPS handles the outside.

-- Call the NPS at **556-1802** for area power outages, a power line that is down, fallen trees, forest/brush fires, or if a sewage or water main is broken.

-- Call PG&E at **(800) 743-5000** for gas leaks (inside or out).

-- Call the Military Police at **561-2211** if you are locked out of quarters.

The Subinstallation staff shares your disappointment and frustration in not being able to respond to all service order calls. To help understand how the NPW will respond, distribution will be made to all quarters on the criteria used to define an emergency (broken down by problem area). Copies will also be available in the Housing Office and the Community Activity Center, Building 682. Regardless, the Subinstallation encourages you to call in ALL of your service orders; those not constituting an emergency will be forwarded to the Housing Office. If funds become available, those non-emergency service orders will be worked off.

Please feel free to call the Housing Customer Service representative at **561-3631** for additional information or if you have questions. We hope you will be patient with our efforts to provide you the service you expect given a very austere budget.

(Fort Lewis Subinstallation)

As I See It

Computer, video games aren't as bad as I thought!

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

I owe an apology to several of my friends -- the ones I referred to as "vidiots" because they played computer games. I'm fairly competitive, so I could never see the point of getting into a battle of wits with an inanimate object (the computer itself) because it was set up to make you lose.

Until a friend introduced me to a game which requires you to conquer the world (am I allowed to say the name?) I didn't get this computer game thing at all. This game requires you to place armies, based on computer-generated dice rolls, and defend borders all over the world. The computer bested me several times, which I thought proved my point. But then I beat the computer. The screen flashed "Sharon has conquered the world. Would you like to play again?", and I was hooked.

Admittedly, this reminded me of that old Matthew Broderick film, "Wargames," in which Broderick's character taps into the Defense Department's computer by mistake. He thinks he has gotten a game company's secret files and asks to play "Global Thermonuclear War." You've seen the movie; you know what happens. (By the way, GTW is my nickname for the game I told you about -- even though it deploys conventional ground troops.)

There are other games that I find interesting, like the one where you are a city planner and have to deal with growth, budgets, disasters, etc. I watched my 15-year-old brother-in-law build an empire at his computer and was fascinated. I had no idea that teenagers could be so fiscally responsible; I see a future for this kid in government.

My ex-husband loves driving simulators and race games. Anyone who's ridden in his car can tell that, I guess! I have other friends who love gambling or card games on the computer. And computer Monopoly is much quicker than the real thing.

I have played computer trivia and word games -- including one where a little computer-generated woman turns around letters. It's kind of fun, but nowhere near as addictive as GTW.

I have also realized my dream of being a fighter pilot -- through a computerized flight simulator. I can fly an F-14 without experiencing what's known in pilot parlance as G-LOC (gravity induced loss of consciousness) and without endangering either myself or a zillion dollar airframe. The simulator doesn't care that I wear glasses sometimes, or that I am actually too short to operate some of the foot controls in a real fighter jet. It's a win-win situation.

So, I've decided there is a purpose to some of these computer games after all. In the case of GTW, I've used tactical skills I didn't know I possessed -- and have now beaten the computer on numerous occasions. Each game is a new set of problems to solve, so I'm not bored yet.

I have also found that these games relax me considerably. I think it's because I'm using a different set of skills -- thinking in different patterns and about different things. So, my stress level drops considerably. And in this day of downsizing, shrinking resources, etc., anything that lowers the blood pressure is welcome. So, along with my apology, I owe a debt of thanks to my fellow "vidiots" for showing me that it actually can be relaxing to stare into a screen and engage in a battle of wits with the computer.

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Attention, soldiers and civilians! Did you know you can now have your travel pay deposited directly into your personal checking account? Direct deposit cuts out seven or more days' mailing time from submission of your settlement voucher to payment receipt by depositing your money directly into your account. Direct deposit puts funds in your account within two working days after the voucher is processed. For information, please contact the Travel Division at DSN **699-6924** or commercial **(317) 543-6924**.

Youth Center news

The Youth Activities Center, Building 563, will open early, 1 to 6 p.m., Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 for the school Christmas holidays. The Center will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 1995. For information, contact Marie Fernandez, Center Manager, at **(415) 561-3696**.

Gym holiday schedule

The Sports Branch will be operational during the Christmas holidays with the following schedule: Dec. 25, both the gym and swimming pool will be closed; Dec. 26, the gym will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the pool will be open from noon until 4 p.m.; both facilities will be closed Jan. 1, 1995; Jan. 2, 1995, the gym will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the pool will be open from noon until 4 p.m.

ID Card section closure

The ID Card Section will be closed on the following days: Dec. 23, 26 and 30, and Jan. 2, 1995. The section will operate on a half-day schedule (7:30 to 11:30 a.m.) on these dates: Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28.

CHAMPUS News

The following is a statement from Robert H. Kaplan, vice president, Aetna Government Health Plans, concerning the Department of Defense delay of CHAMPUS contract award for California and Hawaii:

"The delay is based on the government's need to improve the benefit package for CHAMPUS beneficiaries.

"While we would, of course, have preferred a decision on the award today, we are certainly pleased that our managed care program, which we have administered since Feb. 1 of this year, will continue to employ innovative techniques to provide the highest quality health care for all our beneficiaries. It is important that our beneficiaries know that this delay will have no effect whatsoever on their current health care benefits under CHAMPUS.

"We remain confident that once the benefits package issue has been satisfactorily addressed by the Department of Defense, Aetna Government Health Plans will retain its position as the primary contractor for the more than 720,000 active-duty family members, retirees and their dependents in California and Hawaii.

"As always, we will do all we can to accommodate the Department of Defense requests and continue to provide excellent services to CHAMPUS beneficiaries."

Job announcements

The National Park Service has openings for the following positions: **Electronics Technician, GS-0856-09**, Announcement number GOGA-94-94; **Realty Specialist, GS-1170-11**, Announcement number GOGA-94-92; **Contract Specialist, GS-1102-09/11**, Announcement number GOGA-94-93. All announcements close Dec. 29. Send application materials to National Park Service, Personnel Division, Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif., 94123, or phone **(415) 556-2035** for information.

Commissary schedule

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, the Presidio Commissary schedule is as follows:

Saturday (Christmas Eve): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday (Christmas): Closed.
Monday: Closed.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve): 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jan. 1, 1995 (New Year's Eve): Closed.
Jan. 2, 1995: Closed.
Jan. 3, 1995: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Stray animal control

The Presidio of San Francisco Subinstallation Command actively discourages the feeding of stray animals, particularly stray cats. Wildlife, to include raccoons, should not be fed under any circumstances.

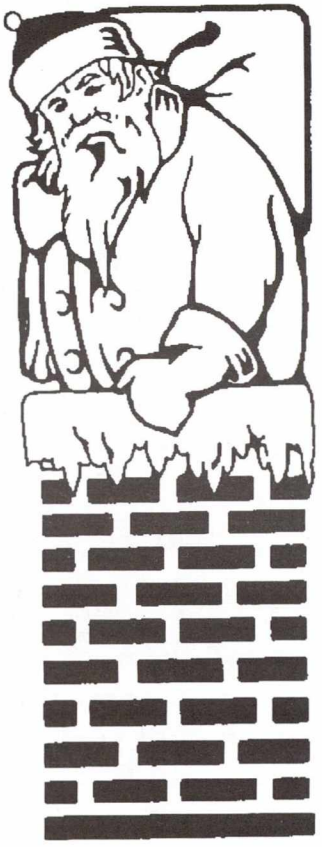
Trash cans and other areas where stray cats and wildlife access food should be "raccoon-proofed" to eliminate readily available supplies of food. For example, placing large rocks or "bungie cords" on trash can lids will prevent wild animals from making a mess, as well as from obtaining food. You may want to consider putting trash cans in the garage and placing them out only on trash days. If your housing area uses communal dumpsters, remember to keep the lids closed.

Stray animal apprehension is a command responsibility which falls under the purview of law enforcement. In the event a stray or wild animal is becoming a problem, call the Military Police at **(415) 561-2251**. Stray animal confinement can also be contracted through San Francisco Animal Care & Control. Family members are strongly discouraged from attempting to apprehend and confine wild or stray animals by themselves; call the MPs.

The Presidio of San Francisco Veterinary Services Office is located at building 567 (Ruger Street). Call **(415) 561/3118/3121/3139** for information on the services they provide.

Sick Call holiday hours

Tomorrow: Closed.
Monday: Closed.
Dec. 27 to 29: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 30: Closed.
Jan. 3, 1995: Closed.



Sixth U.S. Army has a "ball" at Christmas

Guests at the Sixth U.S. Army Christmas Ball danced the night away to the strains of the Sixth U.S. Army Band.

Henry Morris (center), Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, was among the guests that night.

Several people participated in a "conga line" that wound all the way around the ballroom. Leading the dancers was DayleAnne deLong.

Photos by Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux

News you can use

Credit clinic scams can be avoided

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

Credit clinics promising to erase bad credit records won't be able to deliver. Instead of getting a clean slate, consumers could lose money and even go to jail.

Credit bureaus keep files on consumers showing whether they pay their bills on time. TRW, Equifax and TransUnion are the three major nationwide credit bureaus in the United States. Lenders use these bureaus to check potential borrowers' credit.

The bureaus will remove inaccurate information from a file for free, said TRW's Janis Lamar. But only time can repair a bad credit history. For example, 10 years must pass before a bankruptcy drops off your file, seven years for other information.

Lamar has seen advertisements in military papers for clinics that claim to clean even the filthiest credit record. Fees for this service can run thousands of dollars.

"Although they guarantee to clean your record, many consumers found the clinic had closed up shop when they called to complain," Lamar said. "Other companies urge you to assume another person's identity. That is fraud, and you could go to jail."

In several states, including New York, Georgia, Colorado and California, it is illegal to charge upfront fees to repair a credit record. But even in states where such a fee may be legal, paying one is unwise, said Olivia Hunter of the Army Community Service Consumer Affairs Office, Fort Meade, Md.

"Those services can't remove accurate information, and you can remove inaccurate information yourself," said Hunter. "People need to keep their financial affairs in order to maintain their security clearances, so we will help our people solve these problems."

Military legal offices also will help service members with credit disputes.

Consumers denied credit have a right to obtain a free copy of their credit report. If you are denied credit on the basis of your credit report, the lender must tell you which credit bureau provided the information. The lender must give you the address and telephone number of the credit bureau that gave you the unfavorable report.

TRW will provide one free report per year to consumers who request it in writing. Equifax and TransUnion charge up to $8 to consumers who have not been denied credit.

To obtain your credit report, send your full name and address, date of birth, Social Security Number and spouse's name, if applicable, to the credit bureau. If you have married and changed your name within the past five years or moved within the past five years, send your previous name and/or address. Credit bureaus also request a photocopy of your driver's license or recent utility bill showing your current address.

If you wish to simply check your credit report, here are the addresses and phone numbers of the major credit bureaus:

TRW Complimentary Credit Report Request
P.O. Box 2350
Chatsworth, CA 91313-2350
1-800-682-7654

Equifax Information Service Center
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
1-800-685-1111

TransUnion National Consumer Relations
Disclosure Center
P.O. Box 390
Springfield, PA 19064-0390
1-718-459-1800

Again, if you are denied credit write the address or call the phone number your lender provides you.

Consumers have the right to dispute or request verification of negative items in their credit reports. Dispute the information in writing and provide as much information as possible. The credit bureau must respond within 30 days. It must correct erroneous information or remove any item it can't verify. If the credit bureau later receives verification, it will place the information back in your file and notify you by mail.

If the credit bureau does not remove a disputed item, you can still submit a statement of up to 100 words giving your side or the story, to be added to your credit report. However, Lamar suggested putting information such as medical difficulties on the credit or loan application instead of adding it to your record.

"That way, you control the information," she said.

Consumer experts recommend checking your credit report every year or two to make sure it is accurate. Hunter said Fort meade has an arrangement with TRW to provide quarterly reports to employees who have top secret clearances so they can quickly correct any errors. Employers as well as lenders check credit reports, so make sure they are accurate, Hunter advised.

If damaging information is accurate, you can't erase it, but you can get help to prevent more blemishes on your record. Military installations offer free credit counseling services.

Hunter also recommended the Consumer Credit Counseling Service as a good source of free help for anyone, military or civilian.

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service is a national chain of nonprofit firms. Local offices can help with disputes or in creating workable debt repayment plans. To find the nearest office, call **1-800-388-2227**.

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Commander's Holiday Message

The Holiday Season is a special and joyous time shared with family and friends. It is during this time of sharing and fellowship that we pause and reflect on how much we, as Americans, should be grateful. More than any other nation, we have freedom and boundless hope.

This is also a time to celebrate peace, especially as we celebrate the birth of the "Prince of Peace." We give heartfelt thanks for the peace we now enjoy and, during this season of traditional gift-giving, let us not forget our soldiers, past and present, who sacrifice so much to insure our freedom and security.

To every member of our Army "family," I sincerely thank you for your unwavering support, your patriotism and for all the good that you do for our Army and our nation.

Linda and I extend, from our home to yours, heartfelt wishes for the happiest and safest of Holidays!

God Bless -
Glynn C Mallory Jr

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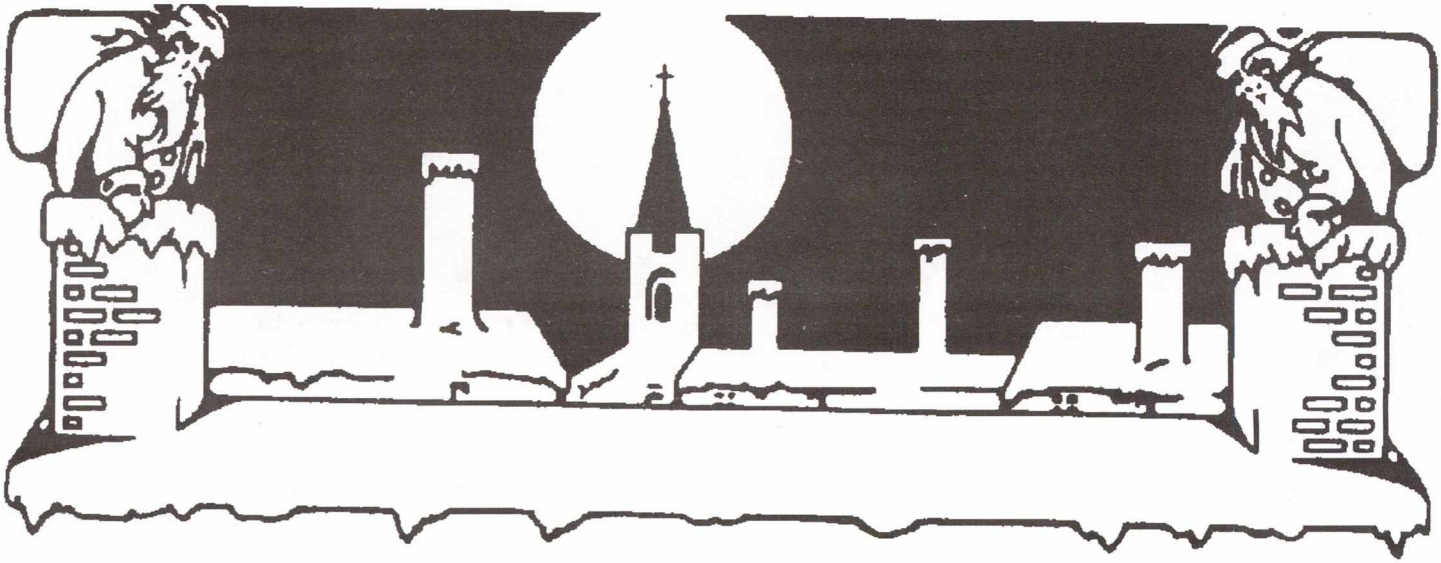

Film Review

"Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book" another live-action Disney triumph

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

I had the pleasure of attending a recent press preview for "Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book," which opens Sunday. The screening room was just like the ones you see "in the movies," in which actors are watching the dailies. The comfortable rocking chairs contributed to the delightful experience.

Before I tell you about this new Disney film, I must say that I was very excited about seeing this live-action adventure based on Kipling's stories about life in India. I loved the books as a child, and the Disney's earlier animated version of the tales is one of my favorites (I liked Bagheera -- the panther -- best). Additionally, the film stars Jason Scott Lee ("Dragon," "Map of the Human Heart," "Rapa Nui,") who I think is one of the finest talents to come out of Hollywood in some time.

"Jungle Book" is beautifully filmed on location in (among other places) Jodhpur, India. The scenery is breathtaking, particularly the first time the viewer sees "Monkey City," a lost temple dedicated to the elephant god Ganesh. I certainly had no complaint with the cinematography.

The effects were very good, too -- Kaa (the ball python) is very impressive. The live animals were beautiful and an excellent choice as opposed to using all animatronics or chromakey effects.

Nor could I argue with the casting choices. Lee's adult Mowgli is athletic and graceful. Cary Elwes ("The Princess Bride," "Lady Jane"), as the antagonistic Capt. William Boone, is the picture of an arrogant, disdainful British army officer. And Lena Headey, who portrays Kitty Brydon (the love interest in the movie) is elegant and intelligent. "Monty Python" veteran John Cleese is outstanding as Dr. Plumford, a friend of the Brydon family. So far, so good.

The only problems I had were the liberties taken with Kipling's tales (remember, these are some of my favorites from childhood). For instance, Mowgli's father is killed by Shere Khan (the tiger) when the tiger attacks the Army's encampment because they have not "obeyed the law of the jungle." Mowgli takes refuge on a wagon, which catches fire, is dragged through the jungle by crazed horses and later explodes because of a load of kerosene which ignites. Mowgli, in the mean time, has jumped to safety with Grey Brother (a wolf cub) and is found by Bagheera -- whose tail the toddler latches onto so that the cat can lead him to a wolf pack.

Admittedly, the transition from childhood to adulthood for both the wolf cub and Mowgli is beautifully executed. One moment, Grey Brother is clumsy and tripping over his own four feet. He passes behind a jungle tree and emerges on the other side as a graceful adult -- as does Mowgli.

One word of advice, though -- this "Jungle Book" is not for kids younger than about 10 years of age. There are a couple of violent deaths (one of the "bad guys" is buried alive in sand, another in quicksand) and a scary and emotional moment in which Baloo (the bear) is shot by Elwes. This might be a little too much for younger kids. For older kids or adults, I can't think of a nicer way to pass an afternoon than watching this film.

Park Service seeks main post tenants

The National Park Service is requesting proposals from interested organizations to lease seven historic buildings in the Main Post area of the Presidio of San Francisco. These buildings are located in the "heart of the Presidio," in an historic and magnificent setting near the entrance to San Francisco Bay.

"Park Partners" are being sought to locate at the Main Post. These tenants will include organizations, institutions, private enterprises, or agencies whose activities further the National Park Service goals. Programs at the Main Post will promote cross-cultural communication, international exchange, community renewal, environmental awareness and education, and the arts. Organizations will submit proposals describing programmatic activities, space requirements, and financing strategies. Prospective tenants must indicate the source and availability of all needed funds, including financial statements, agreements, and letters of commitment.

The Presidio General Management Plan Amendment, released July 1, 1994, outlines the concept for the Main Post. Presidio General Manager Robert Chandler describes the future area, saying, "The mission for the historic Main Post is to become a national center for promoting awareness and activities related to the world's most critical environmental, social and cultural issues."

The Main Post is the center of the Presidio community and the focus of its activities. Its buildings are located on a northeast-southwest grid with two spaces defined by prominent parade grounds. Access to the Main post is provided by the Lombard Street Gate, Lincoln Boulevard, Presidio Boulevard (Highway 1), and the eastbound lane of Doyle Drive (Highway 101). Its buildings include the historic Montgomery Street barracks buildings and several handsome wooden structures. The seven Main Post buildings being offered for lease total approximately 130,000 square feet.

The National Park Service is seeking proposals from for-profit and nonprofit organizations, joint ventures, and master lessee/subtenant agreements. Minority businesses and women-owned businesses are encouraged to respond.

Organizations submitting proposals should include: a transmittal letter, a preliminary reuse concept plan, demonstration of qualifications and experience, and a demonstration of financial capability. In order to be selected, an organization must have the capacity to plan, finance, and implement the Preliminary Reuse Concept. The deadline for program submittals is March 1, 1995.

A pre-submittal conference will be held at 10 a.m., Jan. 10, 1995, at the Presidio Project Office, Montgomery Street, Presidio of San Francisco, in the first floor Conference Room.

For further information or to schedule a tour of the Main Post area, contact Carolyn Peterson at the Presidio Project Office, telephone (415) 556-1388, ext. 251.

(National Park Service release)

The back page

Sgt. 1st Class Wally Choi, Readiness Group San Francisco, and his wife Mary, Sixth U.S. Army Command Group, were among the nattily attired guests at the Sixth U.S. Army Christmas Ball. See page 4 for more photographic highlights of the holiday fun. (Photo by Maj. Wanda A. Arceneaux)

The staff of the Star Presidian wishes you a happy holiday season. Publication will resume Jan. 13, 1995.

Why we put up trees, sing carols at Christmas

By Sharon E. Everett-Roles
Star Presidian staff

As you look around your cheerfully decorated home during this holiday season, you probably see a colorfully decorated and lit tree, some holly, a sprig of mistletoe, a poinsettia or two. Your probably hear Christmas carols on the radio, or are playing them on the home stereo. You do all these things because they are traditional, right? But do you know the origin of these traditions?

Let's start with the Christmas tree. The first Christmas tree in england was brought from Germany by Prince Albert when he married Queen Victoria in the mid-1800's. The beautiful evergreen tree, with its candles for light, was a German tradition. Legend has it that Martin Luther, a German monk, was walking through the woods on Christmas eve and noticed how beautifully the starlight shown through the trees. So, he took home an evergreen as a remembrance of that night and decorated it with candles to simulate the stars. Today, we put up beautiful fir trees and cover them with twinkling electric lights.

What about that holly wreath? Holly was used by both the Druids and the Romans during their winter celebrations. The Romans decorated their home during "Saturnalia" with holly, ivy and evergreens. Early Christians in England invested holly with a mystic significance and hung it in windows to ward off pagan foes. In fact, much of Europe banned the use of holly because of its Roman origins. In England, though, as so many of the carols show, the use of holly became so much a part of the folk tradition that the church accepted the symbol in spite of its pre-Christian origins. Holly and ivy were viewed by the Druids as fertility symbols. In East Kent, England, as late as the eighteenth century, the villagers burned effigies known as the Holly Boy and the Ivy Girl in order to bring about a better harvest.

The mistletoe has no Christian origins at all; the ancient Druids used the plant in religious ceremonies. The Druidic/Celtic tradition of laying down arms during Yuletide may have been the origin of our delightful custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

And what of those carols? The word "carole" means a dancing tune, and these songs used to be secular in nature. Two of our carols have rather interesting stories behind them. One, "Good King Wenceslas," is about a real man. Wenceslas was not a king but was Duke of Bohemia. Wenceslas was a good, honest and strongly principled man who was killed by his envious and wicked younger brother in 929. In 1853, an English divine named John Mason Neale chose Wenceslas as the subject for a children's song about generosity. It quickly became a Christmas favorite, even though its lyrics talk about the Feast of St. Stephen, which is the day after Christmas.

Perhaps a more familiar carol is "Silent Night." On Christmas Eve, 1818, a Catholic priest named Joseph Mohr wrote a poem for the holiday. He wanted to put his words to music, but the church pipe organ had broken down and would not be repaired in time for the evening's services. The organist, Franz Gruber, wrote a simple tune for two guitars and that evening, at the midnight service, "Silent Night" was performed for the first time. The song made its way beyond the little Alpine town of Oberdorf, but without mention of its composer. Until the 1850's, neither Gruber nor Mohr knew that their song was rapidly becoming the most beloved piece of Christmas music ever written.

RESOURCES

Fireside Book of Folk Songs
Reader's Digest Merry Christmas Songbook